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CJC appeals to Sweden

MONTREAL —

Canadian Jewish Congress has called upon the Swedish government to take the strongest action against the vandals responsible for the recent desecration of Jewish cemeteries in Stockholm in which gravestones were found daubed with swastikas.

"It is with sadness that we witness the resurgence of neo-Nazism, racism and anti-Semitism in Europe," CJC president Irving Abella emphasized in a letter to Sweden's ambassador to Canada, Hakan Berggren.

Stated Abella: "Yours is a democratic country with a history of justice and tolerance which must stop the perpetrators of evil and curb those individuals who wish to spread hatred and bigotry.

Terrorist seeks refugee status

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Jews in both Canada and Israel are shocked and angry that a Palestinian terrorist who took part in a 1968 airplane attack in which an Israeli man was killed has cleared the first hurdle towards obtaining refugee status in Canada.

The daughter of the slain Israeli, Hava Shirdan, said Canada is encouraging terrorism and murder by lending credibility to Mohammad's refugee claim.

"I was shocked [when I heard of the case] because I had a picture of Canada as a state of law and justice," she said in a telephone interview with *The CJN* from Israel.

"Now I see Canada is co-operating with terrorists. He is a terrorist, he had a trial and he murdered. This murder got him in as a refugee. This is the prize he gets for his murder. It's unbelievable."

In a secret 40-page decision, a two-member immigration panel ruled last week that there was a credible basis for Mohammad Issa Mohammad's claim for refugee status.

The ruling means that Mohammad has passed the first stage in Canada's two-tier refugee determination process and his case will now go before a panel of the Immigration and Refugee Board, which will rule on his claim.

Commenting on the decision, an expert in immigration law said it is virtually "a foregone conclusion" that applicants advance to the second stage of the process.

Toronto immigration lawyer Mendel Green said that Mohammad, 49, had to satisfy a very low threshold of proof before proceeding to this next stage. He merely had to show that if he was removed from Canada there was some likelihood that he faced persecution (or his life was in danger) from a government, or from an organization from which a government could not protect him.

Green said that at the second stage of the refugee-determination process, claimants must show that it is more probable than not that he or she faces persecution on the basis of race, religion, ethnic or national origin, or membership in a particular social group.

Speaking on behalf of B'nai Brith's Institute for International Affairs, Green said "Mohammad's background is despicable and he's not the type of person we want in Canada. But it's important that. . . anyone who claims protection as a refugee can have access to the full refugee process."

Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella expressed surprise and disappointment at the immigration board decision. "It sends a message that individuals deemed subject for deportation can try to beat the system by seeking refugee status."

Canada's reputation as a humanitarian country "should not extend to convicted terrorists who claim refugee status to avoid deportation," Abella said. "We are hopeful that the [Immigration and Refugee] Board, which will soon review this case in detail, will agree and reject his claim to stay in Canada on the refugee ticket."

Gershon Zin, an Israeli teacher at Associated Hebrew Schools in Toronto, said he is urging his students to write to the minister of immigration to protest Mohammad's claim for refugee status. He said he was spurred to take action when he heard CFRB radio host Andy Barrie interview Shirdan about the impact her father's murder had on her.

Shirdan, a psychologist and graphic arts designer, told *The CJN* she felt the murder had a crucial impact on her life, affecting her relationships with men. An unwed mother of two, Shirdan said one of her children carries the name of her late father.

She also said she had retained a Canadian lawyer to examine what legal recourse was available to her versus Mohammad.

Immigration spokesman Milton Best said that Mohammad's 1970 conviction

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Mickey and Minnie bring love, laughs

JERUSALEM —

Disney World employees must have a strong labor union. Every 30 minutes, according to regulations, the people who wear Mickey Mouse and other cartoon character costumes get time off so they can get some air.

This was one of the few revelations that surfaced during the recent "historic" visit to Israel of Mickey and Minnie Mouse, here to promote tours to California's Disneyland and Florida's Disney World.

Mickey and Minnie also brought a touch of magic to the sick children at Shaare Zedek Medical Center. They temporarily forgot their pain as, with wide smiles and a few tears, they greeted the dearly-loved characters whom they recognized from their story-books and television.

This was the first personal visit to Israel by the characters, whose 'real' identity was kept a strict secret. Smuggling them into the hospital was conducted like a top security operation by the staff who accompanied them. "It would have been easier to get President Bush up here," marvelled one hospital staffer. The visit was by courtesy of Disney World's official airline, Delta, and Aeromart, a Tel Aviv tour operator.

Mickey and Minnie were first welcomed by all the children in the Pediatric Department with percussion instruments and Hebrew songs, under the direction of the music therapist. A big Mickey Mouse doll sat on a chair with the children, his bow tie emblazoned with the word Welcome.

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Mickey and Minnie Mouse from Disney World bring a touch of magic to sick children at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre.

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Iranian Jews find new life in Toronto

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

A few months ago, around the time the Jewish community was praying for a sweet new year, a Jewish Iranian family was in Toronto's international airport celebrating the answer to years of prayers and the start of a sweet, new life together.

For the past eight years, the family had been separated after the eldest son Joseph, now 24, joined several other daring young Iranian Jews in a trek over the mountains to Turkey.

After experiencing incredible hardships and life-threatening perils, Joseph eventually made his way to Toronto and, for many years, dreamed of being reunited with his family.

That dream came true recently in a highly emotional moment when Joseph and his 20-year-old brother Michael (who escaped four years ago) welcomed their parents and 7-year-old brother to a new life in Canada.

"It was something," Joseph said. "We were all crying at the airport for half an hour."

The arrival of Joseph's father, a boutique owner in Tehran, and mother, a housewife, added slightly to the tiny Jewish Iranian community in Toronto. Today there are about 400 to 500 people in that group, said Helen, the president of the Iranian Jewish Community Association who, fearing for relatives still in Iran, declined to give her full name .

Meeting regularly at the Jewish Community Centre's (JCC) North branch, the association attempts to assist in the integration of new immigrants and maintain social and cultural ties among the Persian Jews.

Some of them immigrated to Canada before the revolution that overthrew the Shah in 1978, but most came afterwards, she said.

Despite an improvement in conditions in recent years, people aren't free to leave Iran without hindrance, Helen said. And they're still subject to arbitrary arrest and harassment.

For Jews in Iran, life remains problematic, as illustrated by the case of a woman who was told at the airport as she was preparing to depart that she was free to leave, but her daughter was not.

The capricious immigration official decided on the spot to accuse them of attempting to move to Israel, Helen said.

Despite the difficulties placed in the way of Jewish emigration, since 1978 most of the ancient Persian Jewish community, which traces its roots back more than 2,000 years to the time of Esther and Mordechai, has left the country. Only about 15,000 Jews remain in Iran and most of them are older and not well enough off financially to grease the palms of Iranian officials and ease their departures, Joseph said.

The rest of the community, which numbered as many as 120,000 in 1978, has left the country, with the majority settling in Israel. A large number, perhaps 30,000, moved to Los Angeles and only a handful of Iranian Jews ended up in Toronto.

Joseph's story shows just how difficult it was to get out of Iran to freedom.

Joseph was approaching his 17th birthday and facing induction into the army in the midst of the bloody Iran-Iraq war when he and four other 15- and 16-year-old Jewish boys decided to risk an illegal departure.

Their families each raised $5,000 (U.S.) in cash to pay a Kurdish smuggler to guide them over rugged northern Iranian terrain to Turkey. But on the second day out, one of the youths fell, struck his head and remained unconscious for two days.

Carrying their friend, they were guided by the smuggler to the border and then directed to a Turkish outpost where they believed they'd be safe. Instead, the Turkish soldiers terrorized the youths, beating one severely and playing Russian roulette with a pistol pointed to the head of another.

As if in a movie scene, but dangerously real, the Turk pointed a gun at the head of one of the boys and slowly pulled the trigger. Miraculously, nothing happened — the chamber wasn't loaded.

Hold meetings at JCC

Eventually the Turks pointed them back towards Iran and told them to leave, Joseph said.

After hours of slogging through the mountains, lost and without food, they ran into the same smuggler with three other boys. Prevailing on him for help, they had him guide them to safety in a Turkish town.

Eventually they made their ways to Toronto, hoping to use the city as a jumping-off base for reunification with extended families in the United States. While the others went on to the United States, Joseph fell in love with Toronto and stayed.

His brother, Michael, came four years ago after paying smugglers to transport him to Pakistan.

In Toronto, the boys made normal lives for themselves, with Joseph graduating as an accountant.

Iranian Jews stick together in a Persian version of European landsmanshaften and they frequent the shops run by Iranian Muslims for a taste of the old home country, he and Helen said.

The JCC offers space for their meetings as well as for programs, including a recent gathering at the Northeast Valley branch that featured music and food from the old home country.

Adath Israel was one of the top two Toronto Synagogues which reported an increase in both unit sales and overall Bond Sales from the previous year.

Seen here are (from left) Rabbi Steven Saltzman, the senior rabbi; Israel Bond chair Sharon Starkman, and synagogue president John Zeiler. [Gilbert Studios photo]

Adath Israel, BAYT top shuls in Bonds holiday campaign

TORONTO —

Approximately $6.6 million in Israel Bond commitments were made during the 1992 Kol Nidre Bond appeal, according to figures just released by State of Israel Bonds. That figure represents roughly a 10 percent increase over last year's High Holiday campaign results.

In an attempt to better co-ordinate the efforts of some 40 synagogues within the greater Toronto area, the Bond office held a series of meetings with many of the rabbis and Bond chairmen in advance of the campaign. "Our objective was to provide detailed information about the various Bond instruments and assist the synagogues in running effective campaigns", explained Jack Feintuch, chairman of the Synagogue Division.

Many of the synagogues reported an increase in both unit sales as well as overall amounts. Rabbi Baruch Taub of Thornhill's Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation and Rabbi Steven Saltzman, senior rabbi at Adath Israel are the rabbis of the two synagogues which reported the largest dollar increase over 1991. They were each awarded free trips to Israel by the Bonds organization.

While it's true that Rabbis Taub and Saltzman were very active in their respective synagogue campaigns, the Bond office pointed out that the impressive results were largely due to the efforts and co-operation of the synagogue presidents, Bond chairmen and ultimately the members themselves.

In addition to the two top syngogues mentioned, the Beth Jacob synagogue of Downsview still retains the distinction of having the highest per capita Bond sales of any congregation in the city. The team of Rabbi Burak and long time Bond chairman Sam Faivish, combined with a deeply committed membership, anchieve excellent Bond results year after year.

Other synagogues that are reported to have shown an increase in total Bonds purchased as well as the number of individual Bond purchasers were: Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda; Beth Tikvah; Clanton Park, and Shaarei Tefillah.

In terms of overall Bond purchases, the 10 leading Toronto congregations were Beth Tzedec, Adath Israel, Beth Emeth, Beth Tikvah, Shaarie Shomayim, Beth David, Beth Jacob, Beth Avraham Yoseph, Beth Sholom, and Holy Blossom Temple.

There was considerable reaction to the introduction of the new Tab card which prominently featured the percentage of Canadian Jews who purchased Bonds last year.

"Many people assumed that the percentage of Canadian Bond investors was in fact much higher than our statistics indicated", according to Alex Grossman, president of Bonds. In addition to shattering the myth that the Canadian Jewish community has been overwhelmingly supportive of economic development in Israel, Grossman feels that a great many people gave additional thought this year to the importance of their own individual Bond purchase.

"It is very likely that when all the national Bond results are in, we will see a healthy increase over that three percent figure", added Grossman.

One of the appealing aspects of the synagogue division Bond campaign, according to Feintuch, is the fact that Bonds are spoken of and purchased in virtually every synagogue in the Toronto Jewish community on Kol Nidre.

"We have over 40 participating congregations, from the very smallest to the very largest, from reform, conservative and reconstructionist to the largest orthodox congregations."

"However diverse their membership and their rabbis may be, they all are united in the belief that Israel Bonds are vital to the development of Israel's economy.

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Islamic fundamentalism seen as threat to Western society

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

The top professional for the umbrella group of American Jewish organizations issued a strong warning here that the West risks standing by helplessly in the face of a rising tide of Islamic fundamentalism.

This threat, said Malcolm Hoenlein, the executive director of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, at a lecture here recently, is an international powderkeg just waiting to be ignited, and could be touched off by a new Gulf War.

But pleas about the situation coming from Hoenlein's group in the United States are so far falling on deaf ears, he said.

At the very least, he predicted, the situation will probably force Bill Clinton, the incoming president of the United States, to intervene and put foreign affairs ahead of the domestic agenda, despite his campaign pledge.

Hoenlein addressed an audience of only about 50 at the Jewish Public Library auditorium at a lecture organized by the Montreal chapter of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

And he painted a dark scenario in which the West, because of its refusal to learn from the past and out of self-serving motives — spelled o-i-l — is standing by as a new axis of Arab nations — especially Iran — have become the greatest threat to world stability.

This is contrary to conventional wisdom, which holds that Iraq and its leader, Saddam Hussein, are the greatest dangers.

But Hoenlein said although the West was complicit in helping to build up Iraq before the Gulf War, it is Syria, Libya and especially Iran — constituting this new axis — that could well wake up the West from its continuing policies of "illusion and delusion."

According to Hoenlein, Iran is spending upwards of $10 billion on new weapons, possesses three nuclear reactors, is importing high-technology at a record rate, and has recently built 21 new airports, bringing its total to 63.

It is Iran, Hoenlein speculated, which "will start the next Gulf War."

Malcolm Hoenlein

Iran is also the "fulcrum" for the Islamic fundamentalist movement, which, he made it a point to say, has nothing to do with religion. The movement, he said, as an "extremist [anti-Western] political philosophy" is bent on establishing itself not only in the Mideast but the world over.

The movement's tentacles, Hoenlein said, have spread to countries such as Egypt, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Jordan, Africa, Russia, and central Asian republics, triggering numerous civil upheavals.

But the movement has also gained a foothold in Europe, with a growing presence in such countries as Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Greece, Italy, and even England, France and Germany, Hoenlein said.

In Hoenlein's mind, the West's refusal to wake up to the present realities in the Mideast and Europe, linked with the new "isolation and xenophobia that were the hallmark of the U.S. election," have set the stage for a "new age of totalitarianism," not democracy, as many had hoped would take place following the breakup of the Soviet Union and the revival of separate nationhoods in Europe.

Hoenlein's prognostications were not entirely bleak.

U.S. President-elect Clinton, felt Hoenlein, appears to be an "internationalist" and will not likely turn away from facing up to his responsibilities.

Israel-U.S. relations, Hoenlein said, "have never been better" because the United States, ultimately, knows that Israel is its most reliable strategic ally.

Co-operation between the United States and Israel is on several fronts — agriculture, the military and science.

Hoenlein also held out hope for Mideast peace prospects, saying success, to a great extent, will depend "on the perception of U.S. resolve" for peace to come about.

The fact that talks have continued until now in itself is a "miracle," Hoenlein said. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin "has handled the Syrians brilliantly," making the West again realize "who are the real obstructionists."

One theme Hoenlein harkened back to often was "remembrance."

While "fortress America" recedes back into isolationism and Europe refuses to come to terms with its past by allowing forces of anti-Semitism and ethnic strife to take hold, Jews make it a point to remember the past every single day, Hoenlein said.

This makes it all the more vital, he said, for Jewish communities to recognize and to exert their power in the political process "effectively and responsibly."

The Jewish tradition of remembrance, Hoenlein said, is key to this.

"We have to look back," he said, "to look forward."

Also delivering remarks during the lecture, one of a continuing series, were lecture chair Leonard Wisse; chapter president Lillian Shiller; Martin Levine, past presient of United Israel Appeal of Canada; and David Winston, of Montreal Hebrew U.'s New Leadership Division.

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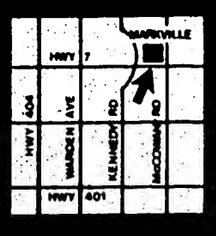

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Petty apologizes for 'Hymie' remark

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

It was ignorance and not malevolence that led television personality Dini Petty to use the word "Hymie" to describe husbands who misappropriated a couple's joint funds, the television talk show host said last week.

"It's a word that meant cheap where I grew up. It had no religious connotation whatsoever," she said.

Petty's use of the word Hymie on her CFTO-produced *Dini Petty Show* prompted a flood of calls to the offices of Canadian Jewish Congress. Congress spokesman Bernie Farber said "it's the kind of comment that people won't put up with any more, especially on TV."

B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights stated that Petty's comment show "that every Canadian needs some education on this topic." Rochelle Wilner, Ontario chair of the League, called on the *Dini Petty Show* to dedicate a program to the issue of anti-Semitic stereotypes.

One day after she made the remark, Petty began her show with "a profound apology" to her viewers for the slight.

Use of the word "is simply not acceptable," she said. "In fact it was ignorance of the real meaning of the word on my part that permitted me to use it. It embarasses me that I didn't know, but I truly didn't. It is obviously not a word that I would use again and I hope you forgive me for being ignorant about it.

"Those who know me and with with whom I've worked in so many different cultural and religious areas know that it really doesn't represent me and I am very sorry about any insult that I unintentionally gave anyone."

CFTO business editor Arthur Vaile, who is Jewish, said he has known Petty for more than 20 years and that "Dini is the most unprejudiced person that I know . . . There has never been a hint of prejudice for any people, let alone Jews."

Petty said the remark was undetected by four or five people in the production control room, including a young Jewish man. After the furor arose, he called his father who was "quite upset" about it, Petty said.

Knowledge of the remark's connotations "seems to be a generational thing," Petty said.

But in widely-publicized remarks during the 1988 U.S. presidential campaign, Rev. Jesse Jackson sparked outrage when he referred to New York as "Hymie-town."

Education minister finding little support for her views

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Education Minister Shulamith Aloni has little public support in her campaign to secularize public education in Israel, says a member of the Labor Party central committee and leader of Na'amat.

Sarah Poster Levin, who toured Canada recently speaking to members of Na'amat Canada, said she does not think many Israelis — who are in the majority secular — want to see religious instruction eliminated or reduced in their children's schools.

American-born Levin, a former schoolteacher herself, said even if most Israelis do not practise Judaism, they do not want an "extreme humanist education" system.

"Aloni represents only those Israelis who support her party [the left-wing Meretz], which is relatively small," Levin said.

"This is an irrelevant argument at this time. There's no point in engaging in theoretical arguments with the Orthodox elements. We should be concerned with things that unite us, not divide us: good education, the peace process and economic stability."

Levin did applaud Aloni for increasing the number of hours of class-time per week.

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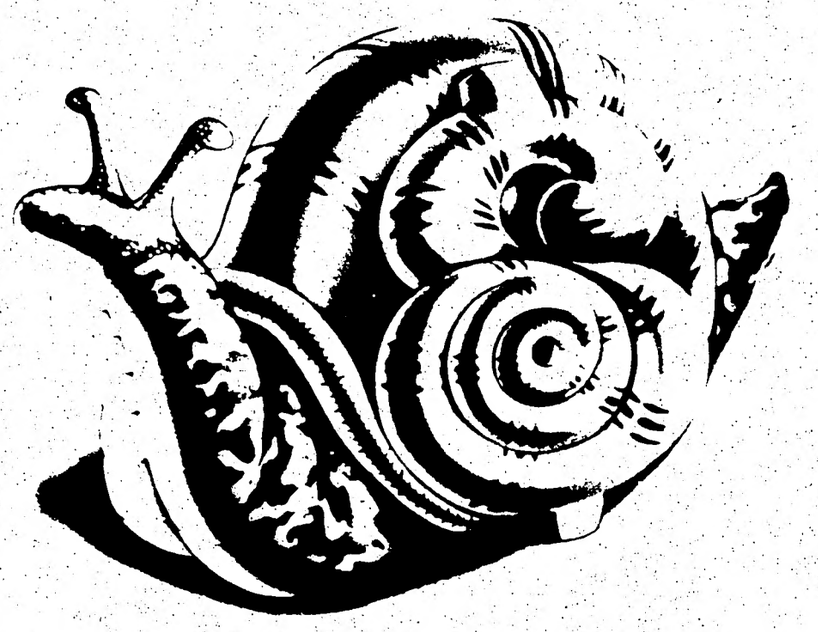

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Churches focus on poverty

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA —

Churches and other religious organizations are far more actively involved than Jewish groups in issues related to Canada's poor, charged a speaker at a workshop on poverty at the recent biennial convention of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism.

Allan Moscovitch, a professor of Social Work at Carleton University, and past chair of the Advisory Group on New Social Assistance Legislation in Ontario, said prominent Jewish organizations are active in causes linked to the Jewish community both in Israel and the Diaspora. But he would like to see them get more involved in lobbying the government on behalf of the poor.

"When we look around in Canadian society, we don't see a very active involvement of Jewish organizations in general issues related to social justice," he said.

He noted that while he has talked to all sorts of Christian organizations about poverty in Canada, this was the first time he had ever been invited to address a Jewish group.

There are four million Canadians living in poverty in Canada. More than a quarter of them are children, and the numbers are rising.

Members or the panel, including Moscovitch, Lynne Toupin, executive director of the National Anti-Poverty Organization (NAPO), and Mary Pat MacKinnon, a volunteer with the Child Poverty Action Group, said the levels of social assistance in Canada are so low they punish the poor for being poor.

Social assistance incomes for a two parent family with two children, range from a low of 45 percent of the poverty line in New Brunswick, to a high of 73 percent of the poverty line in Prince Edward Island.

They agreed the federal government must spend more money on education and training, establish a national day care program so poor single parents can work, and raise social assistance payments.

Moscovitch also said schools should have meal programs so that "every kid gets to eat." And he said family allowance payments should be restructured so they are high during a child's early years when children are developing and learning rapidly. In France, he said, payments are very high during the first 42 months of life, which includes the last six months of pregnancy, and then gradually decline.

"It may be more expensive up front, but in the long run it will be cheaper," he said of increasing support for the poor.

MacKinnon said her organization is pressing the federal government to live up to a resolution passed three years ago to wipe out child poverty by the year 2000.

Pressed by youth delegates for practical solutions to child poverty, MacKinnon said people can lobby politicians to use government resources to increase social assistance levels.

Although the government is cash strapped, she said, it can decide to spend money on feeding poor children, rather than on corporate grants or the military.

"In my mind, they are not difficult decisions."

MacKinnon stressed that she believed in the political process, and the power of lobbying. It has worked to get Canadians many of the social programs, like universal health care, that we take for granted, she said.

"There are many things we take for granted, and we hope in the next generation we'll take not having child poverty for granted."

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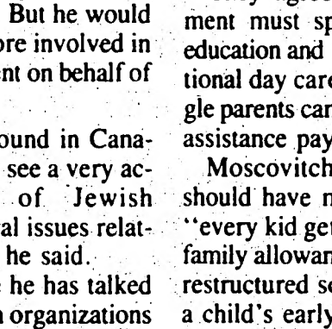

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Regina synagogue joins Reform body

OTTAWA —

Canada's newest Reform congregation, Regina's Temple Beth Tikvah, was welcomed as a member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations at the biennial convention of the Canadian Council of Reform Judaism.

A beaming Ron Bing, founder of Beth Tikvah, said though small, the congregation has a religious school for a dozen children, an adult education program, and a rabbi it shares with Temple Shalom in Winnipeg.

Beth Tikvah is the second Reform congregation Bing has founded in western Canada. Before moving to Regina, Bing lived in Calgary where, along with Norman Yanofsky, he started Calgary's now thriving Temple B'nai Tikvah.

When Bing moved to Regina seven years ago, he found a small Jewish community of 500 families who belonged to one traditionally Conservative synagogue. A few of them came to join his congregation, but many of the people who joined the temple had been unaffiliated.

As one long-time Regina resident said, the Jewish community hadn't even known those families were out there until they joined the temple.

Representatives from the Union of American Hebrew Congregations called Bing the "Jewish Johney Appleseed" for planting the seeds of the Reform movement wherever he went.

— M.S.

Reform Judaism expanding services

OTTAWA —

Reform Judaism is the only stream of Judaism that is currently growing, and one of the tasks of the leadership is to provide a full range of ritual services to its members, said Rabbi Daniel Komito Gottlieb, executive director of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism, in his report at the council's biennial convention.

Reform organizations are beginning to provide services so its members don't have to depend on other groups for them.

During the spring, the first class of Reform mohelim (who perform ritual circumcision) completed their training, he said. A Reform mikvah, a ritual bath needed for conversions, has been built in Toronto. It is used by converts in the Toronto area and is visited by people from parts of the country where reform converts have no access to a mikvah.

There are plans to set up Reform chevra kadisha groups so Reform Jews can take care of their own dead, and several communities are establishing their own cemeteries.

Gottlieb also noted that Reform congregations had been established at both the independent living unit and the chronic care unit at Baycrest Centre in Toronto.

"It is no longer sufficient to just have Orthodox services available to the elderly," he added.

Studies have shown that Reform is the movement with which the largest number of unaffiliated Jews identify, he said.

But, he concluded, the gap between the number of Jews who identify themselves as Reform, and the number who actually join synagogues, means that the movement has to work to bring the unaffiliated into the community.

— M.S.

Reform organization debates role of non-Jewish spouses

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA —

As part of its outreach program to bring intermarried couples into the Jewish congregation, the Reform movement has generally welcomed the non-Jewish spouse of a Jew into the congregation.

It is an approach that keeps the Jewish partner, and the couples' children, in the Jewish community.

When intermarriage was less common than it is today, the open door policy caused few problems. Dilemmas, like whether to let a non-Jew take part in a child's bar or bat mitzvah, were solved on a case by case basis.

But with the high rate of intermarriage, Reform congregations will have to decide what the boundaries of non-Jewish participation should be, Jesse Caryll, outreach coordinator for the Canadian Council of Reform Judaism, told a workshop at the recent biennial convention.

Can a non-Jew join the Sisterhood? Can they be Sisterhood president? Can a non-Jew sit on a housekeeping committee? An education committee? Teach?

Caryll advised congregations to think ahead 30 years, when intermarriage rates will be even higher than they are now.

"Think of what you're doing now that's going to have ramifications down the road," she said.

Reform congregations have to balance the desire to be welcoming, with the need to preserve the integrity of the synagogue as a Jewish institution, she noted.

On the other hand, Caryll said, the Reform movement doesn't want to drive Jews away by rejecting their non-Jewish spouses.

She added once the interfaith couple has decided to raise their children as Jews, the non-Jewish spouse often wants to get involved in the synagogue.

"It is often the non-Jewish spouse, and not the Jew, who breathes life into the congregation," she said of her experience working with interfaith couples.

That doesn't mean they are ready to convert, she added.

Their reasons for delaying, or never, converting are personal. Some, for instance, are afraid of upsetting their own non-Jewish parents.

What do congregations do, then, she asked, when, after years as an active volunteer, the non-Jewish member wants to join the board, or represent the congregation on a national organization? It is going to be insulting and embarrassing to turn them away after years of commitment to the synagogue.

"This is not a speculative question when you think about the rate of intermarriage," said Caryll, herself a convert to Judaism.

At Temple Shalom in Kitchener, 50 percent of the membership are interfaith families.

Heather de Silva, a member of Temple Solel in Mississauga, said she sat on a committee that proposed boundaries for non-Jewish members. Among them were rules that non-Jews could not lead rituals, sit on the board executive, or chair ritual and education committees.

It was voted down in an acrimonious debate because Jewish members thought it was insensitive to non-Jewish spouses.

Married herself to a Catholic who doesn't want to convert, but who supports her decision to raise her sons as Jews, she said a synagogue must have boundaries.

"I still very strongly feel that I want my synagogue to be Jewish. I have three sons and I want to raise them Jewish . . . Just because I am married to a non-Jew and I'm always pointing out the insensitiveness, doesn't mean I want to belong to a church-shul . . . Don't bend over so backwards that we forget we're Jewish," de Silva concluded.

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations has prepared guidelines, but not firm standards, regarding non-Jewish involvement in synagogue, said Caryll.

Poverty cited as a critical issue

OTTAWA —

The Canadian Council of Reform Jews called for action on poverty in Canada, but stopped short of telling the government what to do about it, at the plenary session at the biennial convention.

The resolution originally called on the federal and provincial governments to give priority to poverty issues, and went on to demand a social charter in the Constitution, as well as a guaranteed annual income for Canadians.

Some members were uneasy with the notion of guaranteed annual income and a redistribution of Canadian wealth. They argued that the resolution on poverty should avoid specific advice for the government.

Rabbi Micahel Stroh, of Temple Har Zion in Thornhill, said poverty would have to be the subject of an entire three-day convention if the council was going to arrive at real solutions.

But Fred Zemens, chair of the council's social action committee said the issue was urgent and could not wait two years until the next biennial convention.

"This is an issue which says, we as Jews recognize that there is poverty in this country because of the fact that the government of this country has been fighting the recession, fighting the deficit, on the backs of the unemployed and the poor. And we're not prepared to tolerate it as Jews because we believe in social justice . . . Let's say we're going to stand allied with the disenfranchised and the disempowered in this country," Zemens said.

The delegates eventually settled on a resolution asking the governments of Canada to address the problems of poverty, hunger, and homelessness, despite concerns about the public debt.

Other resolutions passed at the biennial convention:

- That the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism would declare its outrage at the racist 'ethnic cleansing' being directed at Bosnian Moslems, and to call on the government of Canada to accept refugees from the conflict.
- That the council lobby on behalf of refugees and those seeking refugee status.
- That abortion is ultimately a woman's deicision, and that the right to a abortion should not be withdrawn by cutting health care funding for abortion facilities.

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Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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SHAUL

To sound this name is to conjure up an image of a scarf or head convering. In fact, the name is of Hebraic origin.

"Sha-ul" is the Hebrew name of the Israeli King Saul. But the name is an acronym of the ritual slaghterer and teacher who was named Schochet-Lamdan.

BLEICH — WEINROTH

Many surnames were descriptive of the bearer in size (Gross — big, Klein — small), disposition (Frohlich — happy, Traurig — sad) and the color of hair (Goldhar) or eyes (Blauaug — blue eyes).

In this category fall the names of Bleich (pale) and Weinroth (ruddy like wine).

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue seeks a Ritual Director

The Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, a major Traditional Conservative Synagogue in North York seeks a qualified candidate for the position of **Ritual Director**. Reporting to the Chairman of the Ritual Committee and the Clergy, the Ritual Director is responsible for the proper operation of daily morning and evening services, proper maintenance of all religious articles of the synagogue, supervision and management of the dairy kitchen. The candidate is a *Shomer Mitzvoth*, able to lead weekday and holiday religious services, read *Torah* and teach *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah* candidates.

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Benjamin Gaon

When Benjamin Gaon took over in 1988 as chief executive officer of Koor Industries Ltd., Israel's largest industrial concern, the company was in dire financial straits. With interests in everything from food to electronics, chemicals to ceramics, the company was $1.3 billion in debt and had suffered $250 million in losses the previous year.

Gaon, whose name translates as sage, implemented a radical turnaround program to stabilize the company. He brought in a management team that shut down unprofitable operations, sold off assets and instituted massive layoffs. The company reached a comprehensive financial arrangement with representatives of shareholders and creditors, including Israeli and foreign banks and the Histadrut, which owned Koor through its subsidiary, Hevrat Ha'ovdim. As part of the reorganization, creditors were offered shares in the company in exchange for their debt.

By 1991, Koor was operating in the black, reporting a profit of $134 million U.S. The company showed a profit of $42 million for the first quarter of 1992. The CJN's Paul Lungen spoke to Gaon in Toronto recently where he addressed a breakfast meeting sponsored by the Israel Economic Mission to Canada and the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce.

CJN: *How did you go about turning Koor's financial picture around?*

Gaon: I think we had a lot of strength within our weakness. When you don't have any other choices, when nobody is ready and willing to bail you out and when your shareholders [have no money] to support you, you have to do things that are unpopular. [Not having any] choice was our strength and that led us to this turnaround plan.

Nevertheless, I think you have to realize that the basic concept of a socialist economy doesn't exist anymore — not in East Europe, not in Russia, not in America and not in Israel.

We had to attune ourselves to the new way [of doing business], the new market economy in which, if you want to survive, you have to rely on your own resources.

Profitability is the name of the game, otherwise you'll collapse and nobody will bail you out.

CJN: *What was the situation like before, under a socialist economy?*

Gaon: For many years the Histadrut, which is a labor federation and a semi-government institute, had the idea, which was right at the time, that to absorb huge waves of immigration it had to establish a certain [work-producing] economy. [It took] responsibility for the workplace but [the industries were] not necessarily profitable.

[But eventually], no-one was willing to pay the bills. [It became clear] that if [companies] wanted to survive, they had to change things.

When the economy started to collapse in Israel, including the institutions of the Histadrut, there was no one to approach to bail us out. At that time, the Histadrut decided that its economic arm, which is the Bank Hapoalim, and the Solel Boneh construction company, which is the flagship of the Histadrut, and Koor as the industrial arm of the Histadrut, [had to respond to] the needs of the country. The needs of the country were a marketplace economy. So, I made the change.

CJN: *So it was the socialist programs of the Histadrut and the government that led Koor to be in a situation where it was losing money?*

Gaon: No, not necessarily. [It was because we were] in a position where the main objective was to provide [jobs] and no intention was given to the healthy structure of an industry in which you have to make profits and you have to build yourself on your own resources. . . .[The new thinking was that] if you fail to perform in a company or industry, don't expect that someone will throw you money. This [represents] a change in attitude.

CJN: *There must have been some resistance from the Histadrut when you implemented your program of job layoffs.*

Gaon: Absolutely. We had to lay off 12,000 people and there was resistance. On the other hand, what is the alternative? The alternative is liquidation and going into receivership with 32,000 [lost jobs]. Would you prefer to still have a healthy organization based on 17,000 or 18,000 people making money, reaching a stage where we can pay dividends to you as a minor shareholder, or just lose all the equity. They realized there was no other way to do it.

CJN: *Could you have restructured as easily if Labor had been in government at the time, instead of Likud?*

Gaon: I don't think that we should have expected to receive assistance from a Labor government. Koor was considered a national problem, not a Likud Party problem or a Labor Party problem. The fact is, we started this negotiation when Shimon Peres was minister of finance and. . . we concluded the comprehensive financial arrangement with Yitzhak Moda'i serving as Likud minister of finance. So this had nothing to do with it.

One of our successes was that both parties, Labor and Likud, considered Koor a national problem — it represents 10 percent of Israel's industrial capability.

And if you take the magnitude [in Israel's economy] of laying off 12,000 people, that's like taking General Electric, General Motors, Pratt and Whitney together in the United States. It's of the same magnitude. It was a very sensitive issue and [the restructuring was done] after everybody realized that Koor as a viable company will be able to service its debt better than if it was liquidated.

CJN: *Is there a lesson here from what Koor did — that there is a different atttitude towards doing business in Israel in the 1980s and '90s compared to previous times?*

Gaon: I think there are a couple of lessons. First is what I call the awakening from a socialist economy, the same as happened all over the world, and the knowledge that you can live only on your own resources. This you have to transmit to your workers, to your managers and to your shareholders: there is no free lunch.

Lesson number two: [You have to be] very flexible to changes in the world economy, which means you cannot rely only on the local market — it's very limited. We had to put a lot of effort into global markets.

In addition, for many years in Israel, industry and the business community were much more financially and industrially-oriented than market-oriented. The issue was not infrastructure and production, but whether you are able to sell [your products].

All of a sudden we realized that [people] qualified in sales and marketing [were] not around any more. [People asked], why aren't we active in more markets? We have a lot of ventures and a lot of industrialists, but we lack marketers. So one of the lessons was to convert the business attitude from an industrial, financial orientation to a marketing orientation and bringing to the various companies managers who had a marketing-oriented philosophy. . . You see it all over the world. It's the time for the marketing people.

CJN: *Had the entrepreneurial spirit in Israel been damaged by years of Labor being in power and the Histadrut being a dominant force? Has more of an entrepreneurial spirit emerged in the last few years?*

Gaon: I think that first, there's a new generation of Israeli-born managers in Israel. On the business side, Israel is oriented to the American or Western style economy and we have adapted the marketing and business philosophy or attitude of the Western-oriented countries. And this [stresses] the entrepreneur — his skill and knowhow. [But] for many years we built an industry that was tailor-made to the needs of the political level to provide [jobs].

In the second stage, we started to build industry based on high tech. This is one of the only natural resources that we have in Israel, except sand and honey. We have brains. So we built up a Silicon Valley in Israel. We were experienced in warfare-related products and very advanced in military communication equipment, armaments and electronics.

Also we realized years ago that we had to move to other types of industry, to be more diversified and not rely so much on the military. So more and more you see now that Israeli high tech companies are in the civilian line and not in the military line, moving towards medical and telecommunication equipment.

But for years we lived in a greenhouse. We had a certain population and industry focused on it. Exporting was complicated and industry was totally protected with customs and barriers. [As a result], we felt that we were in a greenhouse, with no competition. 'We're making money in Israel, why should we bother going out?'

But being associated with the Common Market, we had to reduce customs levies to compete with others. The name of the game is competition.

When you live in a greenhouse, you can make a beautiful tomato and sell it to whomever you want. But to compete with the majors of the world, you have to be more efficient. You have to change the structure of industry. . .

This is a process that happened all over the world — in Eastern Europe, in Russia, in America. Which means the structure of having employees on your board, which is participation in management, was replaced by issuing shares to your employees so they can participate in the equity of the company. If they make good, they benefit.

CJN: *We've been told by emissaries from both Likud and Labor governments that Israel is open for business. Is that the climate that you see there now ?*

Gaon: Absolutely yes. I think Israeli business is looking for expansion. We are not looking for money. We are looking for strategic partners who can introduce new products and technology in marketplaces abroad and who see Israel as a base that in the near future can penetrate the neighboring countries that are captive markets of 200 million people.

CJN: *Which neighboring countries are you talking about?*

Gaon: We are talking about Egypt, Jordan, Beirut, Turkey, also to the countries of the former Soviet Union. There is a captive market in Ukraine of 40 million people. Find the right product and we are very close. We know how to speak [the language].

So Israeli strategy today is open.

CJN: *Has the peace process between Israel and its Arab neighbors created a better atmosphere for investment?*

Gaon: The money market has already discovered Israel. Look at the funds raised now by various investment banks. Look at the interest with which many investors are looking at Israel. We have created in the last year the most expensive commodity from the economical standpoint — stability. So nobody is afraid that in a couple of months a war will come. Nobody is afraid of the Arab boycott anymore. As long as they are talking, they are not shooting.

I am referring to industries in Japan, the United States and Europe that are involved on a huge scale in Arab countries and who had a certain reservation towards activities in Israel. That was due to the Arab boycott. This hasn't disappeared but it's less sensitive. The same way Coca Cola did [business in Israel], Pepsi Cola followed. They are not afraid anymore and they are ready to invest in Israel.

CPC International (a large holding company of food producers that includes Hellmann's Mayonnaise, Knorr Soups and Mazola Oil) is a very nice example. CPC has nothing to do with the Jewish community. CPC came to Israel. They approached me and said they came to Israel because they think it's the right climate to get a foothold in [the country]. They are looking at the potential market nearby if the peace process develops. They want to establish an operation in [Israel] to [be positioned] so that in a further stage they could go to the neighboring countries.

They are also looking at the possibility of producing in Israel kosher products for the American market.

(CPC agreed to make a $140 million investment in Koor's TAMI food products business.)

Israeli companies are looking for strategic companies that will come to Israel, like CPC, and say, 'based on your industry, we can offer new markets, not necessarily in Arab countries.'

Another fundamental aspect of the changing business climate in Israel was the New York Stock Exchange regarding Israeli equity. Many Israeli companies are traded in the United States today and they are making a lot of money. That was a new discovery [for them] — that Israeli high tech companies were being traded with a beautiful yield for shareholders. So, they're saying, 'Let's look at Israel as a potential place to invest.'

Another thing is that we have a concentration of technical knowledge in Israel. I'm talking about engineers and high tech people. We could easily have two Silicon Valleys. So [foreign investors are considering] assisting them so they could do what is being done in the Silicon Valley near Tel Aviv.

CJN: *If Yitzhak Rabin were to make you the economic czar of Israel, put you in charge of changing the economy and preparing it for the 21st Century, what would be your approach?*

Gaon: The main thing is stability in the economy. There is an expression used in the military called 'blue skies.' If you are in a battlefield and you want to win the war, you need blue skies, which means no interruption from an air force.

The Israeli economy needs blue skies from the governmental level, which means, give me the environment in which to work, to use my skills and to make decisions on their merits and not because of political influence or reasons. The initiative is on the business community level. We need the environment, we need the infrastructure, we need the stability and we need the climate. I think they are doing fine, so far.

FEDERATION NEWS

Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto — **United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus**

UJA's finest canvassers up for the challenge

When you want to get the job done, you call on your best and your finest. The '93 UJA All-Star canvassing team made a strong showing at 'Home Stretch' kick-off on November 30th at the Inn on the Park. The event, chaired by **David Engel** and **Sheila Engel**, chairmen of volunteer relations, stressed the need for these top canvassers to mobilize and help finish off Campaign '93 with a bang.

Baruch Gur (center), director of Eastern European Operations, Jewish Agency for Israel, recently addressed a Major Gifts parlor meeting at the home of Gerry and Nancy Pencer (left). Major Gift co-chairmen Lawrence Bloomberg (fourth from left) and Aaron Brotman (far right) were on hand to greet the 50 guests.

American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) representative, **Dan Cohen** expressed his positive feelings towards the new Clinton administration and his hope for a fair peace talk negotiation.

Marlene Axmith, co-chairman of Super Sport Sunday II, made a strong appeal to all canvassers present that their participation on Dec. 13 is crucial.

Jack Chisvin, president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, congratulated the canvassers on a job well done. He also spoke frankly about the Jewish community in Toronto and how important it is that the campaign reaches its goal.

Thouands in Toronto, Israel and places beyond are counting on the success of the campaign.

Brent and Lynn Belzberg recently hosted a Major Gifts parlor meeting at their home with special guest speaker Jonathan Livny, prominent Israeli attorney and West Bank judge. From left to right: Neil Nisker, UJA Campaign co-chairman, Jonathan Livny, Bernie Ghert, UJA Campaign co-chairman and Brent Belzberg.

Division Highlights

ACCOUNTANTS DIVISION

Good news from the Accountants Division! This incredible group of dedicated canvassers are doing an outstanding job.

When chairmen **Steve Altbaum, Eric Bornstein** and **George Weinberger** discovered that the division had a significant number of cards outstanding, they mobilized a corps of canvassers who went out and reeled 'em in like salmon at spawning time!

With the dedication of people like division vice chairmen **Robert Furman, Irving Green, Eddie Katz** and **Joy Shuchat,** Accountants is truly blessed with strong leadership.

Championship canvassers include: **Elaine Atlin; Sharon Bacal; Don Bennett; Mark Birenblut; Paul Brock; Roger Chaplin; Marla Chasson; Nathan Choran; Ira Eisen; Alan Farber; Andrew Freedman; Henry Goldbach; Steven Held; Michael Holtzman; Debra Kestenberg; Louis Kirshenbaum; Brian Lass; Sam Lichtenstein; Evan Miller; Eldon Moses; Gary Pollack; Jennifer Postelnik; Julie Ramelson; Alan Sandler; Jamie Slavens; Morris Stekel; Arthur Stern; Barry Tissenbaum; Ies Van Messel;** and **Meyer Zeifman.**

This year, **Joy Shuchat** and **Robert Furman** were responsible for the Young Accountants Division. They brought out 20 new, committed canvassers.

At a Young Accountants program recently held in the home of **Michael Daren**, **Bernie Farber** , associate director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, spoke on Jewish issues confronting the Canadian community. Some 25 new faces were in the crowd. This division is definitely planting seeds for next year's crop of outstanding canvassers!

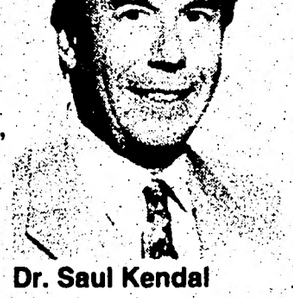
DENTAL DIVISION

As the 1993 United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus campaign shifts gears, the Dental Division is still maintaining a substantial increase over last year.

"We are delighted about our increase of over $100,000," says **Marshall Train**, co-chairman, "And expect that we will reach our ultimate goal of $120,000 [new dollars] over last year."

The divisional canvassers are not burning out, either. UJA campaign associate **Avrum Rosensweig** is constantly putting through gifts with all types of increases.

"I am really enjoying my work with the dentists this year," he says. "I feel proud that we have been able to bring a real sense of pride to the division through its incredible commitment to Tzedaka."



Dr. Saul Kendal

According to **Saul Kendal**, co-chairman, "The division is working toward a $800,000 completion and hopes to continue its drive toward $1 million by the end of the 1995 campaign."

Dr. Marshall Train

LAWYERS DIVISION

The Lawyers Division is humongous, with 2,800 cards representing over $2 million to the campaign. This massive fund raising machine combined with its "Young Division" this year to draw many new canvassers and to cultivate the finest team of canvassers to date.

UJA Kudos to outstanding canvassers: **Earl Altman; Gerald Brounstein; Ellen Cohen; Robert Cohen; Bonnie Croll; Stephen Diamond; Igor Ellyn; Joan Garson; Ronald Goldenberg; David Goldman; Stanley Kugelmass; Nathan Lindenberg; Brian Ludmer; Mark Mincer; Melissa Muscat; Martin Rochwerg; Zev Rosenblum; Ken Snyder; Risa Sokoloff; Joseph Steiner; Stan Wax; Alan Winer;** and **Les Wittlin.**

OF NOTE:

The Marketing Division recently took a tour of The Toronto Sun Publishing Corporation on Tuesday, Dec. 1. Keynote speeches were made by **Paul Godfrey**, president and CEO and **Douglas W. Knight**, publisher of *The Financial Post*, which is published by the *Sun*. Great job, division chairmen **Carole Kerbel** and **Miles Nadal**! UJA salutes program co-chairmen **Michael Konikoff, Jeff Levy** and **Miles Nadal**. And to the program committee, who made it possible: **Gerry Babins, Jack Buzaglo, Mark J. Halpern, Shawna Morris, Janice Nathanson, Laura Penso, Vanessa Stanley** and **Stephen Wise.**

The Arts and Entertainment Division will screen Strictly Ballroom, a film by Baz Luhrmann starring Paul Mercurio and Tara Morice, on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m., at The Film House, 424 Adelaide Street East. This flick has been touted as a hip and emotionally charged contemporary Cinderella story. Co-chairmen **Irene Berkowitz** and **Allen Karp** are to be thanked for their time and effort. Call **Lydia English** at 635-2883, ext. 172 if you want to join A&E for a guaranteed good time (thanks to **Jeff Sackman** of C/FP Distribution and **Cyril Drabinsky** and The Film House!). We'll see you at the movies!

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CJC MEETS RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR

A Canadian Jewish Congress delegation met recently in Ottawa with Russia's ambassador to Canada Alexander Belongov (second from right). From left are CJC executive vice-president Alan Rose, president Irving Abella and national executive chairman Charles Zaionz.

Hadassah marks 75 years

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA —

The strength of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO is in the friendships that grow within and between chapters all over the world. This was the message from Esther Matlow, national president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, to members at the banquet launching the organization's 75th anniversary year.

"We have remained a vital organization because we truly enjoy being together," she said.

That members enjoy being together was clear at their anniversary banquet. It had the ambience of a pyjama party wearing pearls — elegant, yet relaxed and fun.

Before and after dinner, the delegates danced and sang to traditional Israeli and Yiddish music played by the band.

When the anniversary cake — four feet long and decked with sparklers — was wheeled in, the 180 delegates pressed forward to see it and flapped their white linen napkins in the air in approval.

Members are loyal to the organization, said Matlow, because it has accomplished so much in Israel.

"To be part of the noisy chorus, rather than the quiet spectator in the drama of our people's present day history is to be Jewishly alive," she said.

"We have left our indelible mark on the society of Israel," she added with pride.

In his address to the delegates, Itzhak Shelef, Israeli Ambassador to Canada, said he marvelled at how long the organization had been active in Israel.

The end of November, he said, marks the 45th anniversary of the United Nations vote to partition Palestine into Arab and Jewish areas.

"That vote, in effect, was the launching pad for the establishment of the State of Israel," he said, "and yet, by some 30 years does the work of your organization pre-date that vote."

WIZO touches and affects the lives of everyone in Israel, Ruth Tekoah, treasurer of World WIZO in Israel told the delegates. It runs schools and hospitals, as well as projects to help women, including five women's centres, a shelter for battered women, telephone hotlines for battered women and a rape crisis hotline.

She said the Nahalal school which was established by Canadian Hadassa-WIZO in 1923, was one of the Israeli schools chosen to accept students from the former Soviet Union so they could finish their high school studies.

Peacekeeping forces recognized

OTTAWA —

In the charitable spirit for which it is famous, Hadassah-WIZO kicked off its year-long anniversary celebration by donating money to a project to help children.

In honor of Canada's peacekeeping forces, Hadassah-WIZO will provide money for children's equipment at day care centres on military bases which deploy peacekeepers to the world's trouble spots.

Sophie Kettner, an honorary vice-president of Hadassah-WIZO, announced the gift at the organization's recent anniversary dinner in Ottawa.

"As a Canadian-based organization, we wish to recognize and pay tribute to other Canadians deserving of our respect and admiration," said Kettner. "None deserves this more, at this time, than our peacekeeping forces. We are far and away the world's best peacekeepers."

With less than one percent of the world's population, Canada does 10 percent of the peacekeeping work, she added.

Because both men and women serve as peacekeepers, their children may be left in Canada with either their mother or father away on duty.

To make life easier for them, the army has established family support centres on military bases, and the Hadassah-WIZO donation will be used to buy equipment for them.

General A. John G. D. de Chastelain, chief of the Defence Staff, accepted a plaque honoring the peacekeepers and thanked Hadassah-WIZO on behalf of the military.

"Your very generous gesture to the 45 family support centres which we have developed over the last few years . . . will go a long way to making life a little easier for the children of those individuals who are away," said Chastelain.

He estimated that 9,000 peacekeeping troops will be stationed around the world by the end of the year.

Early in the evening, Chastelain joined a crowd of delighted delegates on the dance floor in a lively horah. He sang along to the music, too, but confessed during his speech, "though I joined in heartily, I wasn't sure what I was saying."

He was pleased to find out it had been a Hebrew song calling for peace.

"I would say that as a professional soldier for 37 years, I don't know of anybody who has taken up professional arms who does not endorse that feeling," he said.

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Kahane's son keeps father's radical views

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The teachings and legacy of the late Rabbi Meir Kahane live on, his son told an unpublicized meeting here last week.

Jews around the world "have to be blind" if they don't see a rising, global tide of anti-Semitism, Binyamin Ze'ev Kahane told about 50 supporters at a Metro synagogue.

That's why Jews must settle in Israel and not find "a resting place" in the Diaspora, admonished Kahane, who was under police protection.

Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the ultra-right Kach party and founder of the militant Jewish Defence League, was assassinated in November, 1990 after a speech at a New York hotel.

The younger Kahane pledged that his father's philosophies, often branded racist, will endure and pointed out that they are even gaining wider acceptance in Israel.

While his father called for the expulsion of Arabs from Israel and the territories, Binyamin Kahane said the term accepted in Israel today is a population "transfer."

Rabbi Meir Kahane served as a member of the Knesset from 1984 to 1988, when he was barred from running for re-election on the grounds that his Kach party incited racial hatred.

Last June, the same rule was used to bar Binyamin Kahane from running for a Knesset seat for his Kahane Chai-Koach party.

Kahane is now leader of Kahane Chai, a worldwide movement dedicated to keeping alive the works of his father.

He is also director of the Yeshiva Harav Meir Kahane in Brooklyn, formerly the Yeshiva Ha'Raayon Ha'Yehudi (Yeshiva of the Jewish Idea), which his father founded.

Kahane said his father's speech just prior to his death was about emergency aliyah.

Binyamin Kahane said Jews must save themselves "before it's too late" by immigrating to Israel. "Jews have no other home."

He said the current Labor government of Yitzhak Rabin must change before parts of Israel are given to Arab countries.

He said his father's views have the "quiet support" of many religious leaders in Israel. "That's the problem," he added. "It's quiet."

Asked whether Kahane Chai will field candidates in the next Israeli election, Kahane said he's "not sure there will be an Israel in 1996."

He said he's "all for" the concept of avenging Jewish blood spilled in conflicts with Arabs. "But we act within the law."

Kahane and Meir Halevy, former leader of the Jewish Defence League in Toronto, led the K'El Malei Rachamim on the occasion of Rabbi Meir Kahane's second yahrzeit.

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The trapping and raising of living creatures to be killed for their fur in order to pander to luxury and conspicious consumption is a cruel betrayal of the values the Jewish tradition has long honored and upheld.

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Luitjens deported to Holland

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

After a legal battle lasting four years, accused war criminal Jacob Luitjens became the first success story for the federal Justice Department's war crimes unit when he was placed on board a jetliner bound for his former homeland of Holland.

There he was to be placed in custody to begin serving a life sentence for collaborating with the enemy, said Victor Holtus, a spokesman for the Dutch ministry of justice.

Luitjens will remain in prison pending legal proceedings he has instituted to set aside a 1948 conviction in absentia that found him guilty of aiding the enemy, Holtus said.

Luitjens' removal came in the wake of a decision by immigration adjudicator Daphne Shaw Dyck who found that Luitjens had lied when he entered Canada from Paraguay in 1961. Shaw Dyck issued a deportation order which meant Luitjens, 73, was to have been deported within 72 hours unless he sought special court permission to appeal the decision.

Luitjens' deportation was roundly applauded by Jewish groups, who urged that similar proceedings be initiated against other Nazi war crime suspects.

"The utility of the denaturalization procedure has been confirmed in light of this deportation finding," said Milton Harris, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress' war crimes committee.

Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, noted "the Americans have been using this method successfully for the past 15 years.

"There must be at least 50 more cases, similar to Luitjens', in which the evidence would lend itself to the denaturalization/deportation approach."

Neil Drabkin, senior advisor to citizenship and multiculturalism minister Gerry Weiner, said the minister "stands ready to order revocation of citizenship proceedings against any other convicted Nazi collaborator who has become a Canadian citizen by lying about their past."

Weiner stripped Luitjens of his citizenship about two weeks after federal court judge Frank Collier found that the former Nazi collaborator had lied about his past.

David Matas, national chair of B'nai Brith's war crimes committee, said he was gratified with the result, though it took the legal system much too long to deal with the matter.

"These cases are not given the sense of urgency they deserve," he said. "There's a lot of dithering going on."

Esta Resnick, a Justice Department lawyer in Vancouver, said her office proceeded as quickly as possible in the wake of Collier's decision last November, which found Luitjens misrepresented himself when he entered Canada.

Neo-Nazi attacks shock German Jews

BONN (JTA) —

The Jewish community in Germany has joined a chorus of outrage over a neo-Nazi attack that killed a Turkish woman and two girls.

The deaths resulted from an arson attack in the northern city of Moelln. It coincided with news reports that two skinheads had confessed to the murder of a German they thought was a Jew.

The Turkish woman and two young relatives died when vandals set on fire the building where the family lived shortly after midnight. Police were alerted to the fire by an anonymous caller, who ended his message with the slogan, "Heil Hitler."

Nine more people were injured in fires at two separate buildings in the town, located near the former border between East and West Germany. All the victims were Turkish nationals seeking asylum in Germany.

The caller said the attacks would continue until Germany became "pure."

Meanwhile, a French radio report said two skinheads have admitted to murdering a man they thought was Jewish in a bar in the German town of Wuppertal, near Deusseldorf.

The two, aged 18 and 24, beat the man up, poured liquor over him and set him afire in the incident, which took place Nov. 13. In a car provided by the owner of the pub, they drove the man across the border to the Netherlands, where he was found the next day.

All the victim's ribs were broken, according to a forensic report. The Dutch daily *De Telegraaf* gave the man's name as Karl-Heinz Rohn and said he was not Jewish.

Reacting to the latest incidents, the Anti-Defamation League in New York urged the federal and state governments of Germany to move ahead quickly and effectively on new measures to combat neo-Nazi violence against foreigners and Jews.

Melvin Salberg, national chairman of the ADL, and Abraham Foxman, its national director, said that "what is needed is an immediate and clear stepping-up of law enforcement."

"The murder of an individual in Wuppertal who was believed to be Jewish highlights the growing danger of skinhead and neo-Nazi activity," the ADL leaders said.

"The very thought that someone was killed in Germany in our day because of his Jewishness or perceived Jewishness is horrifying and should awaken all Germans to the need for the strongest action."

The arson at Moelln brings to 16 the number of foreigners murdered by right-wing extremists in Germany this year. It followed government announcements over the weekend of new and tougher measures to crack down on neo-Nazi violence.

Mickey and Minnie bring love and laughs

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Children from the pediatric day hospital and pediatric neurology also came to meet the characters who mingled freely, autographed special Mickey Mouse hats — given with balloons — to all the young patients. Embraces and kisses were showered upon the children whose eyes were round with wonder and excitement.

As a special compassionate gesture, Mickey and Minnie then visited the pediatric dialysis wing where they showed much tenderness to the dialysed children hooked up to the equipment. There was laughter heard from children who rarely smiled, and the characters posed for photos with each of them. Adults and children alike were all caught up in the magic.

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Cuomo orders investigation

NEW YORK (JTA) —

New York governor Mario Cuomo has ordered a sweeping investigation of the city's handling of last year's rioting in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn, while a group of Jews filed a lawsuit charging that the mayor and police commissioner conspired not to protect Jews from the mob.

The charges were made despite Mayor David Dinkins' repeated denials that he had tied police hands during the four days of rioting.

"There is not a single shred of evidence that I held the (New York Police Department) back — and there never will be," an angry Dinkins said last week in an address at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

"And every time this utterly false charge is repeated, the social fabric of our city tears just a little bit more. It must stop. It's got to stop."

He said some of his critics hold the mistaken belief that because he is black, he automatically sides with the black rioters.

"They see everything through an ethnic prism," he said, referring to his critics.

The mayor's protests came as Cuomo — in a highly unusual move — ordered his director of criminal justice, Richard Girgenti, to probe the entire incident.

Cuomo said he was acting because of the "feeling of mistrust and suspicion of the criminal justice system" that followed last month's acquittal of Lemrick Nelson Jr., 17, for the murder of Chassidic rabbinical student Yankel Rosenbaum.

Rosenbaum, 29, was fatally stabbed by a mob of blacks chanting, "Kill the Jew, kill the Jew," just three hours after rioting erupted through the streets of Crown Heights on the evening of Aug. 19, 1991.

The rioting began after a black child, 7-year-old Gavin Cato, was struck and killed by a driver of a car in a motorcade escorting the Lubavitcher rebbe.

Cuomo asked Girgenti to review the response of police to the disturbance, which continued for four straight days. Cuomo also gave Girgenti the power to unseal files pertaining to the investigation of Rosenbaum's death and the prosecution of Nelson. No other person was charged with Rosenbaum's murder.

The U.S. Justice Department has also opened an investigation into Rosenbaum's murder to see if anyone can be prosecuted for violating his civil rights.

Nelson was acquitted of all charges in the Rosenbaum slaying after jurors discounted prosecution evidence that included a blood-soaked knife allegedly found in Nelson's possession, Rosenbaum's identification of Nelson as his assailant and police testimony that Nelson had admitted stabbing the rabbinic student.

Terrorist seeking haven

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by a Greek court for his role in the terrorist attack "had no bearing on the refugee claim," which focused only on the likelihood of Mohammad facing persecution.

Best said that regardless of a decision of the Immigration and Refugee Board, Mohammad's criminal conviction means "we could still deport him even if he's found to be a refugee."

He noted that Canadian authorities opposed Mohammad's claim for refugee status.

Eric Vernon, Congress' director of legislative analysis, as well as Green pointed out that Mohammad has always contended that a pardon by the Greek government wiped out his criminal record. They suggest that argument could be deployed by Mohammad's lawyer should federal authorities eventually attempt to deport him.

In 1968, as a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), Mohammad participated in an attack on an Olympic Airways jetliner in Athens, Greece, in which Leon Shirdan was killed. Mohammad was sentenced by a Greek court to 17 years in jail for his role in the attack.

But Mohammad and another prisoner were freed in a hostage exchange after the PFLP hijacked another Greek airliner. He was then deported to Lebanon.

In 1987, he moved to Brantford, Ont. with his wife and three children.

Green said Canadian intelligence was at fault for not alerting immigration authorities about his past when he was issued a visa in Spain in 1986. "[Mohammad] was well known in the Interpol files," Green said.

Mohammad's hearing, and the panel's decision, were kept confidential under terms of the Immigration Act, which require refugee hearings be held behind closed doors unless the claimant agrees to their being open, Best said.

Adjudicator Joseph Kenny and Robert Reford, a member of the imigration board, ruled that the public can never hear any of the evidence or the reasons for the decision.

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The News in Brief

German band charged

BONN — The state prosecution in Nuremberg has charged three members of a local rock band with circulating unlawful neo-Nazi symbols and propaganda and with inciting to racial discrimination.

The state lawyers took aim at a song labeled *Hakenkreutz* (Swastika), performed by an extreme right-wing band called Radikahl (Radical).

In recent concerts the band had reportedly called on its followers "to go hunting Jews." The band describes its mission as "an ongoing campaign to save Germany."

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Hillel seeks presidency

JERUSALEM — A Labor hawk has thrown his hat into the Israeli presidential ring to battle two party doves for the largely ceremonial post.

Shlomo Hillel, chairman of Keren Hayesod, announced he would run for the top state office against declared Labor candidates Ezer Weizman and Arye (Lova) Eliav.

The president will be chosen by the Knesset next spring as Chaim Herzog completes his second, and by law last, term in office.

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New jobs created

JERUSALEM — Jobs for 1,180 unemployed people, including 180 newly-released soldiers, will be created under an agreement signed between the Jewish National Fund and the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry.

Under the agreement, the unemployed are to be hired by the JNF to develop scenic and tourist spots, beginning this month, for four months.

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Israel ranks 18th

NEW YORK — Israel is ranked 18th in the world on the "human development" scale of the United Nations Development Program, which includes such factors as education, health care, life expectancy, employment and other demographic information, according to that organization's 1992 report.

Each year, the UNDP ranks the world's nations according to these and other human development indicators, including natural resources, industrialization levels, food scarcity and income/resource flow.

The UNDP rated 160 nations in its 1992 Human Development Report. Canada was ranked first, with Guinea taking last place.

Israel, in 18th place worldwide, was ranked ahead of Luxembourg, Italy and France.

At the top of the list, Japan was number two, Norway was three, Switzerland was four, Sweden was five, and the United States was ranked number six.

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Kneidlach in Kazakhstan?

JERUSALEM — Israel's leading food producer, Osem, is looking into possibilities of setting up a plant in the Central Asian nation of Kazakhstan, formerly a republic of the Soviet Union.

The initiative was taken by Israeli billionaire financier Shaul Eisenberg, who introduced Osem's chief executive, Dan Propper, to government ministers in Kazakhstan.

Osem is known for its snacks, soups and pastas. Its latest "hit" on the Israel market, promoted by a catchy advertising jingle, is a guaranteed-fresh bagel-shaped snack.

The plan under discussion calls for Osem to provide the know-how and technology, while the Eisenberg group, working with local companies, will actually set up the plant.

Osem is also actively preparing to build a soup and snacks factory in Hungary.

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Australian to face charges

SYDNEY, Australia — A 68-year-old Adelaide resident, Heinrich Wagner, will face trial early next year on war crimes charges, including the murder of 19 "mixed-blood" children in the Ukraine in 1942.

Magistrate Kym Boxall ruled that the accused must answer charges that he was involved in the mass murder of 104 Jews from the Ukrainian village of Izraylovka in 1942, the 1943 killing of a Ukrainian railway worker and the deliberate shooting of the children, who were between the ages of 4 months and 11 years.

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Anti-Semite under attack

BUDAPEST — The ruling Hungarian party has called for the resignation of one of its top officials known for anti-Semitic diatribes.

The presidium of the centre-right Hungarian Democratic Forum has called for the resignation of Istvan Csurka, who is vice president of the party.

Anti-Semitism in Hungary has come under increasing international focus since Csurka published a report blaming national ills on liberals, Jews, Western financiers and the press.

He has also published articles blasting Jews in the newspaper of the ruling party, and has made inflammatory statements in his regularly scheduled Sunday radio program.

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Jobless rate rises

JERUSALEM — The unemployment rate climbed back above 11 percent in the third quarter, damping hopes that the second quarter's sharp decline would prove permanent.

Based on preliminary figures, the Central Bureau of Statistics said that unemployment was 11.1 percent in the third quarter, compared to 10.9 percent in the April-June period, 11.5 percent in the first three months of the year and 10.7 percent in the third quarter of 1991.

"It doesn't have any statistical significance," said Dr. Rafi Melnick, deputy director of the Bank of Israel's research department, when asked about the implications of rise. "What it says is that unemployment is stable at about 11 percent."

Assuming that immigration continues at its current rate, Melnick added, unemployment is likely to remain at this level through the first quarter of next year before beginning a slow decline.

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General dead at 62

TEL AVIV — Reserve Maj.-Gen. Moshe Bar-Kochba, regarded as one of Israel's brilliant military tacticians, died recently of a heart attack and was buried in Tel Aviv with full military honors. He was 62.

Bar-Kochba, known popularly by his original last name, Brill, was often in conflict with fellow generals over his ultra-nationalist views.

Bar-Kochba was born in Poland in 1930 and immigrated to Palestine at the age of 12. He linked up with Irgun Zva'i Leumi, the underground group headed by the late Menachem Begin, at age 16 and joined the Israel Defence Force when it was established in 1948.

He was awarded a medal of valor as a tank company commander in the 1956 Sinai campaign against Egypt.

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125,000 Jews in areas

JERUSALEM — The Jewish population of the West Bank and Gaza at the end of October was slightly over 125,000, according to Aharon Domb of the Judea, Samaria and Gaza council. Domb said this figure does not include Jerusalem neighborhoods considered to be settlements by the U.S. administration. The council predicts a Jewish population of 200,000 in the territories by 1994.

Russians discuss anti-Semitism

MOSCOW — For the first time ever, a committee of Russia's legislature has conducted an official hearing on the problem of anti-Semitism in the country.

The Supreme Soviet's Committee on Human Rights heard five hours of testimony on past and present manifestations of anti-Jewish hatred.

Among those testifying were Mikhail Chlenov, co-chairman of the Vaad, the main umbrella group of Jewish organizations in the former Soviet Union; noted Moscow lawyer Genrik Reznik; and Valery Fadeyev, chairman of the Moscow City Council's Human Rights Committee.

Testimony focused on possible amendments to Article 74 of the Russian Criminal Code, which prohibits incitement of racial and ethnic tension.

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More caves unearthed

JERUSALEM — Archaeologists have unearthed two Second Temple burial caves in Jerusalem's French Hill neighborhood, triggering fears of renewed unrest in the haredi, or fervent Orthodox, community over profanation of the dead.

This latest find came less than a week after an earlier controversy surrounding such graves was resolved with the reinterment of bones and coffins as demanded by the haredim and Jerusalem Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Kolitz.

At issues was whether the sarcophagi would be buried with the bones within, as the rabbis insisted, or kept for scientific study, as the archaeologists demanded.

In the end, the head or the Israel Antiquities Department, reserve Lt. Amir Drori, gave in to strong political pressures.

Front Line

Ethiopian absorption proving anything but smooth

By ETTA PRINCE-GIBSON

Senior "Kessim" (Ethiopian religious leaders) meet with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin about their religious status in Israel, after a failed meeting with Israel's Chief Rabbis. [WZPS photo]

In July 1991, astonished Israelis watched as more than 14,000 Ethiopian Jews were airlifted in "Operation Solomon" to their new homes in Israel. Tired from their long flight and bewildered by the cultural passage, they were welcomed by veteran Israelis with unprecedented sympathy and kindness.

In retrospect, the initial dreams of a speedy and smooth integration into Israeli society seem to have been naive. Not only have bureaucratic mishandlings led to absorption crises, but rifts and conflicts among the Ethiopians themselves have made their transition even more traumatic.

Stereotyped as a quiet and passive community, Ethiopians quickly learned to protest and demonstrate like the best democrats. They have picketed against temporary housing, inadequate social services and unsuitable education for their children. But the recent 17-day strike and sit-in of "Kessim" (Ethiopian religious leaders) was different. It commanded the attention of the Israeli press and public, but for the first time was not simply a conflict between the Ethiopians and the establishment but within the Ethiopian community itself.

The Kessim were protesting the Chief Rabbinate's ban on their performing marriages and divorces. (Under Israeli civil law, sole authority over marriage and divorce is granted to the rabbinical courts.) Taking a strident position, initially rejecting all compromise proposals, they agreed finally to suspend their protest while a special committee of Ethioipians, government and Chief Rabbinate officials meet to seek solutions to the dispute.

Even this interim suspension was reached only after extensive formal and informal negotiations with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Absorption Minister Yair Tsaban, acting Religious Affairs Minister Uzi Baram, Sephardi Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu, Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapiro, and numerous others.

Ostensibly, the strike was over Jewish tradition and law. The Chief Rabbinate recognizes the Ethiopian immigrants as Jews, but refuses to allow the Kessim to officiate at marriages or divorces unless they study and pass a test on Oral Law (the authoritative interpretation of the written law), which has never been part of the Ethiopian tradition. Explained Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapiro, "If we want the non-Ethiopian Israeli public and our grandchildren to be able to marry the children and grandchildren of Ethiopian immigrants, then there has to be a marriage procedure recognized by everyone."

The Kessim acknowledge that they do not abide by Oral Law, but demand that their own traditions be fully legitimized. "Many of our Kessim are in their 80's. Should they have to go to school as though they are in kindergarten?!" demanded protestor Kes Berhane.

Some veteran Israelis viewed the strike as further evidence of the establishment's insensitivity to Ethiopian immigrants. Others saw it as a struggle for religious pluralism. But many of those more involved with the Ethiopian community, Ministry of Absorption officials, and Ethiopians themselves, regard the strike as a sign of a fundamental rift within the Ethiopian community — a rift which could even widen.

Most of the protesters were elderly men who had been religious leaders in Ethiopia and whose struggle generated little support among young Ethiopians. And callers to an Israel Radio talk-show in Amharic overwhelmingly expressed disapproval of the strike and its goals.

"The Kessim are presenting this as though the Israeli establishment was forcing Israeli culture onto the Ethiopians, forcing them to reject their traditions," explains Dr. Chaim Rosen, an anthropologist who has worked extensively with and studied the Ethiopian community on behalf of the Hadassah Women's Zionist Organization. "But the young Ethiopians seek bridges between the traditional and more modern ways. Young Ethiopians are not having Israeli culture forced upon them — they are lapping it up thirstily and willingly."

Younger Ethiopians fear that if they do not make accommodations to mainstream Jewish law, then the Ethiopians will become a separate community. Stated Kess Avraham Tazzazo, "For generations, we longed for the Land of Israel, and we came here with joy. For what — to separate ourselves from the rest of the people of Israel?! We want to be one people."

The striking Kessim rejected a proposal that they participate in a "crash course" in religious law pertaining to marriages and divorces. But dozens of younger Kessim are already participating in an extensive completion course, sponsored by the Joint Distribution Committee.

Explains Kess Tazzazo, a course participant: "I have been ordained as a "shochet" (ritual slaughterer). But because I have studied the laws by which all of Israel abide, I provide meat for all my neighbors and community, not just for Ethiopians."

The older Kessim are attempting to retain their status and position, while their congregants seek to assimilate Israeli traditions and styles. Says Tazzazo, "They (the striking kessim) want to be just like we were in Ethiopia. But they can't be."

Says Gobezie Achenese, Chairman of the Ethiopian Jewry movement, which sponsored the strike, "The issue is not only about the Kessim. What we are demanding is complete recognition of Ethiopian Jews without any special conditions. The rabbis can say that they recognize us as Jews but their words are meaningless if our rabbis are not permitted to marry and divorce members of our community."

Contends Dr. Chaim Rosen, "The Kessim are refusing any integration, and they are pursuing their own personal interests at the expense of their community. They want to return to the old days, but this is preposterous."

Seven years ago, Kessim staged a sit-down strike in front of the Chief Rabbinate building in Jerusalem. Then, as now, their fundamental demand was for full rabbinic recognition. Their strike ended in a complex, wordy interim agreement which resolved little.

It is equally questionable whether the results will be more successful this time around. The newly established committee has been mandated to finish its discussions by October 31, and its progress will be monitored by the Knesset Immigration Committee. But the committee was formed in response to the strikers and thus may not address the concerns of the more moderate Ethiopians.

"If they try to push through their extreme views, we moderates will also strike. And we will be joined by the entire Ethiopian community," warns Tazzazo.

In a year and a half, the first graduates of the rabbinic completion course will finish their studies. They will then be recongized as Kessim and as rabbis by the Orthodox establishment. At that time, they will seek to establish their positions as religious leaders in the Ethiopian community — in direct competition with the traditional leadership.

In Israel, where religion and state are so intertwined, questions such as these have immense political implications. They are rarely solved by committees' deliberations, they are just forestalled. It thus remains to be seen how the Ethiopian community can resolve these conflicts, engineered by the tensions of their immigration.

Israel must come to terms with Palestinians first

By TEDDY PREUSS

As expected, talks between Israel and Syria have ground to a halt.

When Prof. Itamar Rabinovich took over as head of the Israeli delegation, some niceties were observed, and there were were some procedural gestures. These created the impression that a breakthrough was ahead. But those who were more experienced in the mechanics of negotiation warned that difficulties loomed ahead, and now Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has given an interview to *The Washington Post* declaring that President Hafez Assad is blocking progress, encouraging the rejectionist organizations and doing nothing to prevent terrorist actions from within Lebanon.

In the same interview, Rabin accused PLO leader Yasser Arafat of hindering the negotiations by refusing to permit discussion on the interim settlement in the West Bank and Gaza.

When Syria's president gave the appearance of softening his stand and seemed ready to consider a peace agreement seriously, there was logic in according priority to the talks with Damascus. Lt. -Gen. (res.) Rabin well knows the strategic maxim that the main effort should be concentrated against the strongest foe - in this case, Syria.

It goes without saying that an agreement with Syria depends on its cost to Israel. Clearly, even if Rabin and his men bargain well, it won't be an end-of-season bargain. And it is obvious that Israel will have to contend with an enormous security risk.

The risk is of concern not only to Golan residents, but also to those who live in the Hula Valley. They have experienced the Syrian threat, more than today's residents of the Golan, who have not been shelled, except for a relatively brief period after October 1970, forced to sleep in shelters or victimized by murderous raids, like residents of Kiryat Shmona, Dovev, Shamir and other Hula Valley communities.

More menacing than the daily security dangers is the strategic threat. Syria deploys a huge force across the border, which it apparently continues to reinforce, one that could endanger the peace of Upper Galilee.

It is no wonder that Israel wants a long transition period so it can learn just how sincere the Syrians are in declaring that they will remove the threat to our existence.

For if we should make a mistake, despite the precautions of demilitarization and gradual pullbacks - we will be facing a grave situation, no less serious than the one that existed prior to June 1967.

But this is not the case with the West Bank. Even if a PLO-Palestinian army is created and our historic rights are violated, these would not represent existential dangers. Visas to Hebron would be a bureaucratic bother, but not a threat; and a Palestinian army wouldn't necessarily be more dangerous than an underground, or than militias of settlers and rabbis from the territories.

Without support from external elements (Iraqi, Iranian, Swiss or former USSR), a Palestinian army deployed 20 km. from Tel Aviv would be less of a threat than a Syrian army 600 meters above Kfar Szold or Lahavot Habashan.

On the diplomatic front, Israel faces much more international pressure for ruling an alien population than for holding bare territory with great strategic value. A settlement accompanied by withdrawal from the West Bank, while granting freedom to a wild cat, would be less dangerous than withdrawing from Golan where the leopard advances.

Moreover, returning the sources of the Jordan River to Syrian control could threaten our national irrigation system. And, we must remember that in the past, the Syrians have tried to exploit the geographic realities to sabotage our water resources.

While we are hoping for a change in Syrian intentions, the test of that change will come only in time - a long time.

Palestinian assertions that Rabin is no different from his predecessor, Yitzhak Shamir, can be dismissed like the foolish contention once heard in some circles that Gorbachev was no different from Brezhnev. Such Palestinian statements do not merely indicate an inability to compromise even with Rabin; they are an excuse for the Palestinians' own inability to work together.

Israelis who do not want a settlement can hide behind the split in the Palestinian camp and say there are too many interlocutors: the PLO in the territories, the PLO in Tunis, the various dissident "Fronts," Hamas and the other Islamic fundamentalists, the non-Palestinian PLO and the non-PLO Palestinians, as well as factions among ourselves ranging from the Temple Mount Faithful to the Natorei Karta.

Unlike the Syrians, the Palestinians lack one exclusive authority with which we can negotiate. But there is one which could be described as "first among equals": we pretend we don't know its address, and that its status is unclear.

But if we stop burying our heads in the sand, we shall realize that talks, and an agreement, with that "nonexistent" authority would be no more hazardous than talks (and an agreement) with Damascus.

The authority's name is the PLO. Its address is Tunis. Its telephone number can be ascertained.

— JPFS

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The new Germany?

Karl Heinz Rohn was, by all accounts, a decent man. Because of his decency, he died a hideous death — beaten, set afire, and finally dumped in a lake to drown. He was attacked in a German bar by two young skinheads, assisted by the bartender, after he dared to criticize neo-Nazis. "That one's a Jew," the bartender said —and pronounced Rohn's death sentence.

That he was not Jewish does not, in one sense, matter. Is this the *new* Germany, where a man can be killed because he is identified as a Jew? And where neo-Nazis assume that no-one but a Jew would oppose them?

In another sense, it does matter — very much. He was an ordinary German citizen, not a Jew, not a foreigner. But he refused to keep silent in the presence of evil; and it cost him his life.

Would that the German authorities, at all levels of government, had Rohn's courage. Because of their temerity in putting skinhead thugs behind bars and keeping them there; because of their hesitancy to outlaw neo-Nazi groups; because of their wilful blindness in blaming the violence not on right-wing extremists, but on the law which allowed the "asylum-seekers" to enter Germany, 16 auslanders (foreigners) have been murdered this year, including a Turkish woman who had lived in Germany for 30 years, burned to death with her German-born granddaughter and a young visitor when her home was firebombed.

The response from the police and the justice system to these outrages has been even more shocking than the death toll. There have been convictions in less than half the murder cases; the harshest sentence was 8½ years for *manslaughter*. Neo-Nazis arrested in connection with attacks on foreigners are usually released within hours; many are not arrested at all. The man taken into custody over the deaths of the three Turkish women had been wanted for two months in connection with an earlier attack.

The new law enforcement measures put into place 10 days ago, after months of wrangling between federal and state governments, come far too late. While Chancellor Helmut Kohl and the opposition Social Democrats argued over changing the asylum laws, and rewarded the thugs who firebombed hostels by moving the refugee claimants out rather than arresting their attackers, the neo-Nazis operated with almost total impunity, and gained strength and supporters. Had the government cracked down a year ago, after townspeople in Hoyerswerda joined skinheads in an attack on a hostel, lives would have been saved.

The death of Karl Heinz Rohn has shaken the Jewish community in Germany, and Jews everywhere. His death should also shake the German government to the core. If it does not act with speed and strength to stamp out neo-Nazism and xenophobia, his death will be remembered as the death of decency in Germany.

Optimistic message

An address delivered by Jordan's King Hussein last week merits praise for its soundness and good sense.

In a dramatic shift in his foreign policy orientation the Jordanian king has distanced himself from his former ally, Iraq. Speaking at a military graduation ceremony in Amman, Hussein issued a stern warning against Islamic fundamentalist elements who are trying to impair his country's image "and take us back to the past."

King Hussein's speech also emphasized Jordan's hope of an eventual peace treaty with Israel. "We have declared that we are joining the battle for peace, democracy and growth on the basis of an independent Jordanian position."

Hussein's repudiation of Iraq is especially significant, given the fact that he vigorously supported Baghdad's Hussein before, during and after the Gulf War both in terms of moral support and matériel.

The Jordanian king's criticism of fundamentalist regimes in Iran and Sudan was joined to the hope that Arab countries should concern themselves with "low standards of living, the chasm between the elite and the people, cultural crises, militants, tribalism, sectarianism and dependence on others."

This unusual candor from an Arab monarch is to be welcomed despite the fact that it comes very late in the evolution of his thought. It has been suggested that his more reasoned approach to Israel and the internal problems of the Arab world has been dictated by intimations of mortality (he is very ill) and the king's desire to preserve both the Hashemite dynasty and his own place in history.

Be that as it may, the substantive nature of his message is to be applauded because it is conveyed in reasoned discourse, a commodity so often absent in Arab pronouncements on the Middle East. It is to be hoped that King Hussein's cogent analysis will be transferred into real results in the peace talks between Israel and the Arab regimes.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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GIVE CREDIT TO EZRAS NOSHIM

This is with reference to your CJN Exclusive, (CJN, Nov. 12), captioned Lloyd Fogler. This self-congratulatory interview is quite impressive, but aren't you all forgetting something?

I refer to the very brief 13-line paragraph referring to the origins of the Mount Sinai Hospital. Since this story was an anniversary celebration, it would have been appropriate to give much more space and recognition to those valiant women who set up the hospital in the first place 69 years ago.

Virtually ignoring this in the present article, as well as ignoring it in the lobby of the hospital itself, is really appalling. If the writers did not know about the origins of the hospital, they should have consulted with Dr. Stephen Speisman, director of the Ontario Jewish Archives.

The Jewish community should pay regular homage to the Ezras Noshim, a group of dedicated women with strong social consciences, led by the late Dora Dworkin (who herself instituted the Jewish Dispensary as an outpatient service for the Jewish community), who established the Mount Sinai Hospital on Yorkville Avenue. That was an era when the government was not handing out money for hospitals as happens today. These same women also stayed up late at night in their homes preserving fruit in jars at summer's end so that there would be dessert for the patients!

It is about time your paper and the community gave credit where it is due.

Lillian Goldstick Gang
Toronto

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SURGICAL ANTI-SEMITISM

I don't get the point.

Regarding "Rabbinical court saves marriage by a nose" (*CJN*, Nov. 19), where a woman was asked to have a nose-job to save the marriage:

Why would *The CJN* print an aticle which purports surgical anti-Semitism? The Jewish nose is our source of pride. The article ridicules its beauty — and we get enough of that from gentiles we don't need it in our own newspaper!

Jerry Schiff
Toronto

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QUESTIONS NOSE STORY

I cannot believe *The CJN* would waste the time and space to print an article such as Rabbinical Court saves marriage by a nose (*CJN* Nov. 19).

To make someone else's private marital difficulties into international news just for the sake of a little chuckle at the expense of a woman is not justified.

I assumed the editorial standards of the *The CJN* were a bit higher; I was mistaken.

Wendy Agrey
Toronto

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PROSECUTE WAR CRIMINALS

Many attempt to defend the right of David Irving to spread his Holocaust revisionist poison under the protective blanket of freedom of speech. It is said lamely that remarks such as the gas chambers were built after the war and that the numbers murdered by the Nazis were exaggerated are only an evil and hurtful lie and nothing more. This view is naive. Such distortions are a blood libel of the worst type, slandering not only the innocent victims of the Holocaust but the survivors and their relatives who are to be told over and over again by the likes of Mr. Irving that for almost fifty years they have been living a lie. Mr. Irving's speeches are hatred, pure and simple. In six million cases, victims of the Holocaust were denied life because they were guilty of one crime — that of being Jewish. Now David Irving denies them the truth of the reason they died.

Many worry about Canada's reputation for tolerance with the publication of pictures showing David Irving in handcuffs. It would do much more for Canada's reputation if our Minister of Justice Kim Campbell were to urge her ministry to get on with the prosecution of Canada's Nazi war criminals. Canadians and the world would again hear the horrors of the Holocaust and that would more than offset the historic heresy promulgated by David Irving and his ilk.

Bert Raphael
President
Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada
Toronto

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HOW SWEET IT IS

Justice has prevailed.

George Bush, who complained viciously about the huge Israeli lobby, and Jim Baker, who used some rather strong language about American Jews, have been repudiated by their own citizens.

How sweet it is!

Pearl Miller
Toronto

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THE WAY TO WAR

As reported, (*The CJN*, Oct. 8) Galia Golan, a founder of Peace Now, heartened by Yitzhak Rabin's substantial concessions, was "extremely" optimistic in her recent lecture at Holy Blossom about the ongoing peace negotiations.

She said that there is a lot yet to be done to achieve peace with the Arabs, and that compromises will have to be made by the Israelis such as: curtailing settlers' activity in order to discourage them to settle in the territories, withdrawal from Golan and the recognition by the Israelis of the rights of the "Palestinian people."

No co-operation seems to be required from the Palestinian Arabs, except that they must accept that their state would be demilitarized. Is Golan implying that the establishment of a second Palestinian Arab state is a foregone conclusion?

Finally she concludes that Peace Now has a crucial role in pushing for peace and to continue to push so that necessary compromises are made, by the Israelis of course.

Arafat should be similarly extremely delighted hearing Golan's pronouncements; he himself couldn't do any better, as this kind of a scenario would be not conducive to peace but, rather, a prescription for a war in precarious conditions for Israel.

Isaac Josy
Toronto

Opinion

How did Jews vote in U.S. and Canada?

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

By this time it is well-known that Canadian Jews overwhelmingly voted yes in the referendum and that in the United States they cast their ballots by a great majority for Bill Clinton. Why should this have been so?

Canada: I have heard it said that in this referendum Jews voted as Canadians and not as Jews. That kind of statement makes very little sense, and not just for Jews. There is no such thing as an abstract Canadian. Every citizen of this country has a very particular identity — as a farmer, an urban dweller, a member of a particular ethnic or religious group, rich or poor, employed or unemployed, Westener or Quebecer, and so on. In addition, every person is defined by genetic disposition and upbringing, environmental differences and intelligent capacity. All of these together make up the Canadian voter, and in this respect the Jew is no different than anyone else. Of course, Jews are interested in Israel and when that issue is relevant it may indeed influence their vote. But that is no different from Canadians of Palestinian origin who will likely be influenced in the opposite direction. Roman Catholics may view an abortion debate in one way and feminists may take another. Yet they are all citizens who look at the totality of the issues and this totality includes their own predictions.

Rabbi Plaut

What then were the circumstances which did influence Jews to cast their yes vote? There are two major elements, so it seems to me. One is our traditional preference for stability in a political, economic and social sense. The proposed constitution promised such stability and consequently Jews everywhere were attracted to endorsing the proposal. In Quebec, of course, Jews had an additional reason to vote yes. They are overwhelmingly anglophone and their religious, cultural and communal life-lines extend to the English-speaking Jewish community in Canada and the United States.

Two, Jews have long sensed the essential justification of French-Quebecers to secure their cultural identity. Jews know what it means to try and maintain a particular culture as a minority. We understand how French people would like to preserve their traditions. To that extent the great majority of our people give support to Quebec's aspirations, though that does not necessarily include an endorsement of Quebec's sovereignty.

Of course Jews voted as Canadians but they brought to it a certain perspective on history and were influenced by their own cultural vision as well as the public debate.

The United States. It was somewhat different in the United States, where Jews have traditionally voted the Democratic ticket. Democrats are viewed as more liberal, and regardless of the fact that Jews are rather well off in the States, they have not generally abandoned their liberalism.

Israel was not an issue in this election, but certain negatives did play a role. I believe that the Republican convention did turn the Jewish voters off, even before the election became serious. When Jews heard the Reverend Robertson and the rabble-rousing Pat Buchanan spouting such phrases as "holy war" they became understandably scared. George Bush did not disavow the extreme right and, without that disavowal, it became an absolute certainty that the great majority of Jewish voters would cast their ballots for Bill Clinton. Of course they too voted as Americans like everyone else, and like everyone else they brought to the voting booth their own personalities, their own backgrounds, their own beliefs.

In 1988 the presence of Jesse Jackson frightened many Jewish voters; this time the negative or dubious personalities on the Republican platform had the same effect.

Jews, like other minorities, try to assert that they vote primarily as Canadians or Americans. Since these categories are non-existent in flesh and blood we should, like everyone else, simply assert: My ballot represented my vision for the country.

Violence becoming part of daily norm

'We have little control over our society'

By GARY ROSENBLATT

Perhaps the most frightening aspect of the increasing violence in our society is how we get used to it, accepting fear and crime as part of our daily lives.

When I discovered that the back window of my car had been shattered in my driveway one day recently, my initial reaction wasn't anger. I was relieved that nothing had been stolen from the car. I never even thought to call the police. What would they do, other than file a report? I simply had the window replaced, paid the bill and considered myself fortunate.

Gom zu l'tova goes the Yiddish expression. Literally, it means "also this for good," but in the vernacular it's closer to "it could have been worse." As in, "you broke your arm? You're lucky you didn't break both."

The broken window occurred during a week in which I was made painfully aware of how violence affects our lives, even when we don't think about it.

The day before I had paid a shiva call to the wife and daughter of Frank Altman, the 88-year-old man whose fatal heart attack after being mugged downtown made the headlines of the daily papers. I had come to know Mr. Altman well over the last several years. We were members of the same shul and had a little ritual of our own. Each Shabbat after services, he would come over to me and critique the current issue of the *Jewish Times*, suggest some story ideas and discuss that day's Torah portion.

He was sharp and articulate and in good health. "He could have lived to be 97," his widow said wistfully the day I visited. What was remarkable is that he refused to retire and kept his job as a salesman, driving around downtown each weekday, giving his customers personal attention because he was a people person.

Standing in the den of his apartment, which was being used as the room for services during shiva, I noticed the newspaper articles he had clipped and a copy of Bob Woodward's *The Commanders*, a study of the U.S. military's preparations for the Persian Gulf War, which he had lent to me several months ago and which I had recently returned.

Now he was dead and buried because he had the audacity to continue to function as if this was still a city of civility, where an old man could believe that he would not be pounced upon on a crowded street during daylight.

Mr. Altman's wife showed me a letter she had received from a man who identified himself as black, offering comfort to the victim's family and bemoaning the fact that human lives had become so devalued. She was touched by the fact that the man, a stranger, had been moved enough to write.

In New York City, at least we know we're supposed to be on constant guard. I visited my nephew at Yeshiva University in Washington Heights one day and was amazed at the level of security there. Everywhere you go on the four-block campus there are uniformed guards with walkie-talkies and plenty of questions for visitors. It's a pain in the neck, yet comforting.

The head of security, a retired cop, told me that a few years ago there were seven or eight guards on campus. Now, because of the increase in crime, and fear, there are 120. "You gotta remember that this precinct had 134 murders last year," he said breezily, "and that's more than a lot of good-sized cities. I can't remember the last time it was under 100."

He noted, though, that most of the murders are drug-releated. I was little comforted.

And my nephew, who spent last year at a yeshiva in Israel and felt safe there, said he is often afraid traveling in New York and would not wander a block off campus unprotected. His friends, virtually all of whom have studied in Israel, feel the same way.

Driving home from New York with a native Manhettanite who moved to Israel — the West Bank, no less — several years ago, I ask him where he is more afraid. No contest, he says. America.

So while we read of fearless Israelis subjected to stoning on the roads of the territories, these same Israelis read about American women taken from their cars in suburban shopping malls and murdered. Who is more brave, who more foolish?

Carjackings have shaken us especially because we used to think that we were safe inside our cars, that they were an extension of our homes. Well they are — and neither is safe.

But we protect ourselves by growing ever more callous about violence. A 4-year-old killed in the crossfire of a drug-related shooting? Tragic, but she shouldn't have been outside at night, we think to ourselves. And what of the youngster killed for his Reeboks while walking home from school? He shouldn't have worn them to school, we conclude.

The truth is that we have so little control over our security that we keep on whistling in the dark, saddened — but no longer shocked — when we hear of a violent crime that hits close to home.

House alarms, car alarms, security codes at work. We learn to live with them. But I can't help thinking that even those of us unscathed have had our humanity mugged.

On Friday night, I learned in synagogue that the building had been broken into the night before. The sanctuary wasn't touched, only the office. A fax machine and other office equipment had been taken. What's frightening is that most congregants felt spared. We got off easy. *Gom zu l'tovah.*

But walking home in the early winter darkness, I find it more difficult to assuage my 11-year-old son's fears. And I remember Frank Altman, who paid a tragic price for believing in the basic goodness of his fellow man.--**Baltimore Jewish Times**

Children, machines can be frustrating

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

Heaven must send us futile pursuits to test us. I don't mean serious futility, such as trying to arrange peace in the Balkans. I mean domestic futility, such as trying to co-exist peacefully with the drip-pan under the fridge.

My appliances seem united in a cabal to frustrate me, from the computer, which always wants a 25-pin plug when I have only a 50-pin at hand, to the portable telephone, which persists in getting lost.

This is especially frustrating because its bell, the source of its ring, is situated in the base — which stays put — and not in the receiver, which gets carried around. I have ended up shrieking, "Where are you!" in the vain effort to find the missing, and silent, receiver as the base rings and rings unanswered. Eventually, my answering machine pre-empts me, so I have the cold comfort of listening to the client I was waiting to hear from scold my answering machine as I dig frantically through the laundry basket trying to figure out where the toddler put the receiver. I'm thinking of tying a bell to it, or to him, whichever one I catch first.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

I resent appliances that go AWOL, like the phone receiver. But it is not the worst offender. The most frequent run-away is the remote control for the television. The TV's actual "on" button broke ages ago — and rests in peace deep inside the set. The only way to turn the TV on is with the remote control, or as the toddler puts it, "the 'mote," as in, "Gimme the 'mote, Mommy. I wanna go Sesame Street."

While we were out one evening, the 'mote skedaddled. It just disappeared. I have ransacked the room and the children — total innocents, all — looking for it. On the cusp of the U.S. presidential election, on the eve of the last game of the World Series, it vanished, as if by magic. We weren't terribly dignified, dashing into the sliding doors of the nearest electronics warehouse, begging for a universal remote so that our television would speak to us again or numbers of votes, and numbers of RBIs. We considered buying just a flimsy, tiny remote, basically an inexpensive "on and off" button, but we opted for a real piece of gear instead. First, it will work better, second, it is futile indeed to assume that the original 'mote will reappear before it is good and ready to do so; and third, the famous missing 'mote will not feel challenged to come home if the competition isn't up to snuff.

I am willing to believe, as demonstrated in both *Beauty and The Beast* and *The Brave Little Toaster* that my appliances come alive at night, plan their journeys, hold macho competitions with each other and tell jokes about me. "Did you see her put the lasagna pan in here," the dishwasher chortles to the food processor. "Wait'll you see what I do to that!"

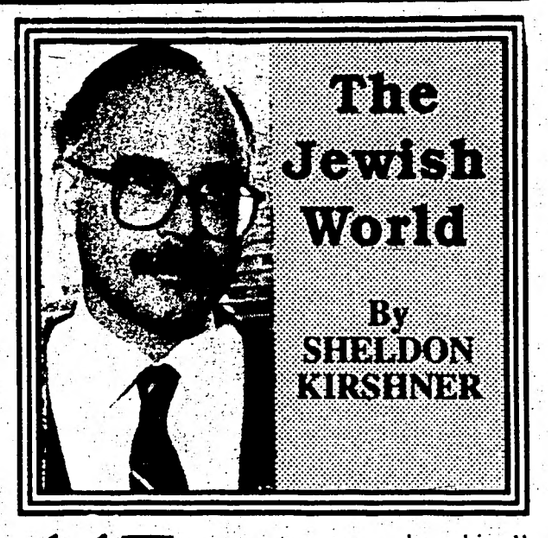
"Ah, whatta big shot. The cheese is going to last because I blasted it," the microwave brags to the can opener. "It'll stick to that pan till the dishwasher rusts solid."

Why should I get into the middle of that? I'll just accept a certain futility quotient from all my devices — car to crock pot — and get on with my life.

As taxing as machines can be, they can't compete with children in the futility department. Of all inherently futile activities I indulge in, dressing a 2½-year-old boy for synagogue ranks at the very top of the list. Combing his hair is futile. Clipping on his yarmulke is futile. Arranging his perky little bow-tie is futile. And, as is true, tucking in his shirt is absolutely futile. Useless. A waste of energy and attention. And, yet, I do it over and over. You'd think I'd learn, because the behavior of the shirt — and the toddler — is certainly not going to change.

Yet, even when his buttons are disconnected, when his face is smeared with jelly, and when he's hidden himself behind the laundry, he still looks adorable and makes very cheerful noises — which is more than I can say for the portable phone.

Economy driving out Ukraine Jews



The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

[Sheldon Kirshner spent three weeks in Ukraine in October. In this report from Kiev, Ukraine's capital, he surveys its large Jewish community.]

BY SHELDON KIRSHNER

On Kreschatik, Kiev's busiest thoroughfare, pedestrians hurried past a yellow and blue billboard advertising the convening of the Jewish Congress of Ukraine, the first such gathering in decades.

And on a hillside overlooking Kreschatik, in the spacious interior of the rococo October Palace, Congress delegates in dim hallways milled around two sombre photographic exhibits of Soviet Jewish war heroes and of Jews who perished in the Holocaust inferno of Babi Yar.

Before the onset of perestroika in the mid-1980s, when Ukraine was still part of the Soviet Union, such gatherings and displays were either banned or frowned upon. "This," said Anatoly Tsukerman, administrator of the Association of Jewish Organizations and Communities of the Ukraine, "would have been totally impossible and inconceivable just a few years ago."

In the bad old days, when the Jewish community was suppressed, public expression of Jewish organizational solidarity, pride and remembrance was simply unheard of.

But since the advent of Ukrainian independence in August 1991, everything has changed.

As elsewhere in post-Communist Eastern Europe, the Jewish community has been revitalized by a cultural and religious revival, encouraged and partially funded by the Ukrainian government. Synagogues and schools have reopened. Theatre and dance groups, as well as Jewish newspapers, have sprung up.

Ukraine's president, Leonid Kravchuk, a former Communist-turned-nationalist, is apparently pleased with these developments. "We would like a renaissance of Jewish culture," he said last spring. On another occasion, he declared: "Our goal has been and continues to be a free, democratic Ukraine where all the nationalities will be happy, where they all will share the ideals of brotherhood..."

Iosef Zissels, chair of the Association of Jewish Organizations and Communities of the Ukraine, discounts the rhetoric but takes Kravchuk at his word.

"The policy of the government is to foster good relations with the Jewish community. Ukraine wants Jews to stay in Ukraine. It desires to erase the memory of the ill-treatment of Jews under communism."

Yet, as Zissels suggested, Ukraine's current benevolence toward Jews is a function of its ardent desire to burnish its image in the West and to attract massive infusions of desperately-needed Western aid.

Since breaking away from the Soviet Union, Ukraine's economy has fallen into a tailspin and the standard of living has dropped sharply. The economic indicators reveal the depth of the crisis, explained Jewish economist Alexander Paskhaver, an advisor to Ukraine's former deputy prime minister. Production has plunged. Inflation is skyrocketing at a monthly rate of 30 percent. Unemployment, which is still low by Canadian standards, is climbing.

"Hardship will grow," Paskhaver predicted.

Rudolf Mirsky, a political scientist from the Western Ukrainian city of Lviv (Lvov), warned that grassroots anti-Semitism — which is condemned by the government — could "explode" if Ukraine's economic problems worsen. Already, he observed, some radical Ukrainian nationalists in Lviv, formerly part of Poland, have charged that Jewish businessmen are using new privatization laws to "buy" the city.

The malaise which grips Ukraine — a poor but potentially wealthy nation roughly the size of France with nuclear weapons — is plainly evident.

Soaring inflation has greatly eroded the real value of salaries — which average out to a pitiful $10 or so per month — and utterly devalued life savings, causing widespread despair. Ukraine's new currency, the coupon — which replaced the Soviet ruble and ironically resembles Monopoly money — is universally scorned. Everyone hungers for hard currency, which is difficult to obtain.

Food is plentiful, but exceedingly expensive. In private markets, the prices elicit sticker shock. A withered chicken cost the equivalent of $1; a plump turkey, $5; a big jar of honey, $3. Only bread, which is still subsidized, is cheap by local standards.

A leather jacket cost $10; a pair of shoes, $8. Only the privileged few can afford a new Russian-built Lada, let alone a modest flat. More often than not, young married couples must live in their parents' cramped, claustrophobic apartment.

The constant refrain is that it was better under communism, economically at least. Perestroika, you hear again and again, shook the pillars of economic stability.

The jolts have been felt by Jews from Kiev to Donesk.

Tsukerman, the 42-year-old administrator of the Association of Jewish Organizations and Communities of the Ukraine, can't recall the last time he bought new clothes. Jacub Chonigsman, an elderly professor in Lviv, spends practically his entire salary on food and rent. Elena P. (she prefers anonymity), a Kiev scientist, can't even afford a Barbie doll for her 10-year-old daughter.

Mainly as a result of this dire situation, Jews have either emigrated or are seriously thinking of doing so.

According to Zissels, upwards of 200,000 Jews have left in the past several years, leaving an official Jewish population of about 400,000. But if you count the estimated 300,000 mixed-blood Jews who identify as Ukrainians or Russians in their internal passports, there may be as many as 700,000 Jews in Ukraine.

Between 1989 and 1991, 107,000 Jews went on aliyah, while almost an equal number settled in countries such as the United States, Germany and Australia. Not many of the emigrants have been allowed into Canada.

Ilja Levitas, president of the Jewish Cultural Society in Kiev, theorized that emigration is largely inspired by the disastrous state of the economy.

"Today's emigration is not a Jewish emigration, but an escape from mounting economic problems," noted Elena Antonovsky, who's on the staff of the Kiev-based *Hadashot* newspaper.

Local observers concur that emigration is the trend in Ukrainian Jewry.

"No less than six out of 10 Jews are interested in emigration," claimed Tsukerman, whose ex-wife plans to settle in Germany with their teenage daughter.

"There is a pervasive lack of confidence in the future," explained David Ariel, president of the Cleveland College of Jewish Studies, who visits Ukraine regularly.

"They can't plan for tomorrow," said Zvi Rom, the head of the Jewish Agency in Ukraine. Aliyah, which experienced a decline during the Gulf War period, has grown by 20 percent in the past six months.

The sick economy and the yearning for Zion notwithstanding, a fear of popular anti-Semitism is a contributory cause of emigration.

Ukraine, which was once home to one-third of the Soviet Union's Jewish population, has an undeniable anti-Semitic past. From 17th century pogroms spearheaded by Bogdan Khmelnitsky to wholesale massacres carried out by fascist Ukrainians in league with the Nazis during the Holocaust, the soil of Ukraine is soaked with Jewish blood.

The present Ukrainian government, as well as the Rukh nationalist movement, which played a vital role in securing Ukraine's independence, are unequivocably opposed to anti-Semitism. Pamyat — the virulently anti-Semitic Russian movement — has made no headway in Ukraine. And according to Alexander Burakovsky, chair of Rukh's national minorities committee, Ukrainian fascistic forces are more likely to target ethnic Russians and Poles than Jews.

"The chief threat to Jews is assimilation, not anti-Semitism," declared Igor Kuperberg, vice-president of the Jewish Cultural Society in Kiev. According to Zissels, the intermarriage rate for Jewish males and females is 55 percent and 45 percent, respectively.

"With regard to anti-Semitism, conditions are better in Ukraine than in Russia," said Ariel. "The Ukrainian government considers Jews a valuable part of the national tapestry of minorities. And Ukraine needs the talents and skills of Jews. They're seen as a national resource. But this could change."

The spectre of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear reactor disaster is yet another spur to emigration. Ukrainians, whatever their origins, believe that their environment — the rivers, the land, the air — has been despoiled by Chernobyl.

Nevertheless, a surprising number of Jews have no intention of emigrating.

Jews like Tsukerman, who "loves this land and feels at home in Ukraine." Jews like Arkady Schmiest, a 46-year-old doctor who hopes to help rebuild the Jewish community in Dnepropetrovsk. Jews like Alexander Fainin, the vice-president of the Ukrainian Union of Jewish Students.

Jews like Yuri Morozov, director of the *Menorah* TV program. Jews like Kiev political scientist Leonid Findberg, who is loathe to begin anew in a strange land and lose his status. Jews like Viktoria Khiterer, a 24-year-old Kiev history student who's spiritually tied to Ukraine.

Jews like Ira Boyko of Chernovsty, Felix Millstein of Odessa and Felix Chemerovsky of Kharkiv (Kharkov), who feel Jews have a promising future in Ukraine. Jews like Rabbi Yaacov Bleich of Kiev, who holds that Jews "will be here until the maschiach comes."

For such Jews, the task of rebuilding the community is enormous, though not daunting.

"Under communism, we couldn't live as Jews," said Tsukerman, who, until quite recently, knew next to nothing about his Jewish heritage. "But now we are learning to be Jewish."

Throughout Ukraine, there are 10 state-supported Jewish day schools, nearly 30 Sunday schools, 26 functioning synagogues, some 10 theatres and dance troupes and almost 20 Jewish newspapers. Jewish organizations are proliferating. However, there are no kosher restaurants as yet, and observant Jews find it exceedingly difficult to keep kashruth.

By all accounts, only two to five percent of Jews are participating in the cultural and religious revival. The rest are apathetic.

Funding for Jewish programming is scarce, although the Jewish Agency and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, among others, are active in Ukraine.

"There is an insufficient financial base to develop Jewish life in Ukraine," warned Mirsky, the Lviv political scientist. "We require overseas help."

It would thus appear that Soviet Jewry organizations in the Diaspora, which were threatened by irrelevancy when the Soviet Union broke up, face a fresh, new challenge in the 1990s and beyond.

Billboard in Kiev advertises Jewish Congress of Ukraine. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

"I want to return to my shoreshim," says Ivan (Yochanan) Petrovsky, using the Hebrew word for roots. "I want to become somebody else."

With disarming frankness and simplicity, Petrovsky, a resident of Kiev, Ukraine, speaks about an uplifting spiritual odyssey that has taken him back to his origins.

Now 30, Petrovsky was born Jewish, the son of assimilated Russian Jewish intellectuals who persuaded him to list his nationality as Ukrainian in his internal passport. Many Jews in the rest of the old Soviet Union opted for this route, believing it would be their ticket to equality in a country shot through with state-sanctioned anti-Semitism. Petrovsky had no trouble changing his legal identity because his maternal grandfather, Symon Ovdienko, was a Ukrainian.

"There are a lot of people like myself in Ukraine," muses Petrovsky, a scholar of Latin American literature. "Jews who, officially, are not Jewish."

Iosef Zissels, chair of the Kiev-based Association of Jewish Organizations and Communities of the Ukraine, concurs with this assessment. Of Ukraine's estimated 700,000 Jews, 300,000 are identified as non-Jews in their internal passports.

Until the downfall of communism and the advent of Ukrainian independence in 1991, Petrovsky, who had always considered himself culturally Russian, ignored his Jewish ancestry. He understood that if he identified himself as a Jew his prospects for building a fullfledged academic career would be jeopardized. "You couldn't even murmur you were a Jew. They'd treat you like a second-class citizen."

A search for roots

But, as Petrovsky acknowledges, his Ukrainian facade did not always protect him from the slings and arrows of anti-Semitism. Since his parents were legally Jewish, Petrovsky could not entirely escape his heritage. In high school, for example, he was excluded from a foreign exchange program. Lame explanations were offered, but Petrovsky knew, in his heart of hearts, why he was singled out for exclusion.

Nevertheless, Petrovsky's career blossomed, and today, he teaches Latin American and world literature at Kiev State University and is employed by the Vernadsky Institute and the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences. "Here, in the Ukraine, my situation is very good," he allows.

Yet there was a gap in his life. Having flirted with Catholicism and Ukrainian Orthodoxy, Petrovsky found his way to Judaism largely through the works of Argentine poet, short story writer and critic Jorge Luis Borges. Captivated by Borges' fascination with Hebrew mythology, Petrovsky plumbed the depths of Jewish medieval philosophy and poetry.

Out of curiosity, he investigated his family tree, and discovered that one of his grandfathers had been a colleague of Janos Korczak, the famed Polish-Jewish educator and social worker, while another had been a Soviet intelligence officer.

About a year ago, Petrovsky undertook the study of Hebrew, Aramaic and Yiddish. His mentor and teacher was an Israeli rabbi in Kiev, Moshe Podolsky, whom he greatly admires.

Having immersed himself in Judaic studies, Petrovsky now considers himself Jewish. But he is anything but rigid in his interpretation of Judaism. "I am a cosmopolitan, a man of the world," he observes.

Since his metamorphosis, Petrovsky has taken steps to change his nationality to Jewish. Rabbi Yaacov Bleich of Kiev has advised him in this matter. Furthermore, he and his Ukrainian wife, Oxana, a pianist, and their daughter have recently begun to celebrate the Sabbath.

Oxana, he says, has expressed a desire to convert to Judaism. "She considers herself more Jewish than me."

Contemplating the future, Petrovsky, a Zionist, looks to Israel as a possible new home. But he hasn't packed his bags, at least not yet. Before he immigrates, he hopes to find a teacher in Israel who can guide him further along the path upon which he has embarked.

As he put it: "I want to delve deeper into Jewish studies, to follow Torah, to live in a Jewish milieu.

"The most important thing is to grow intellectually."

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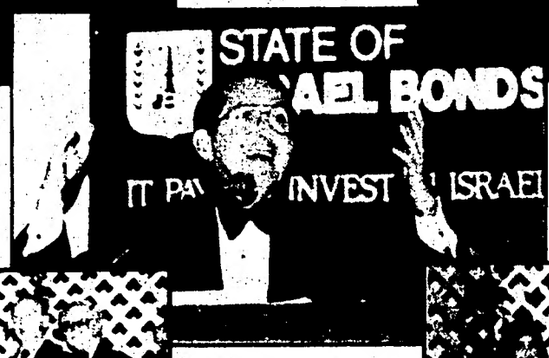

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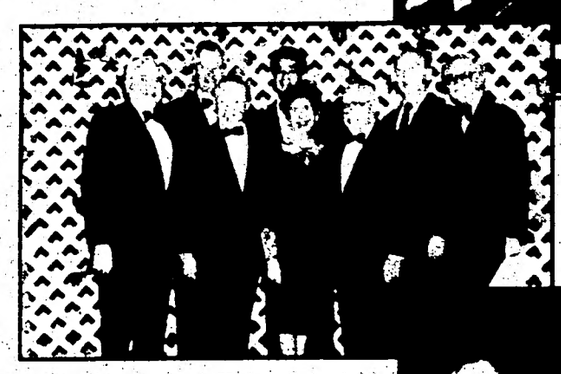

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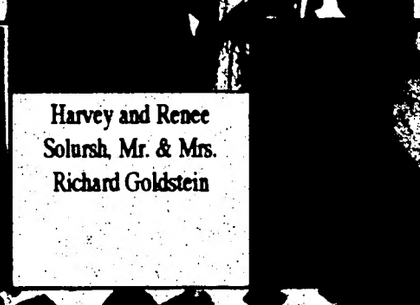

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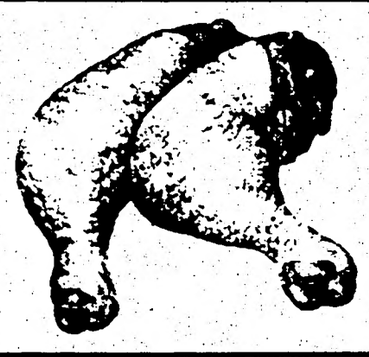

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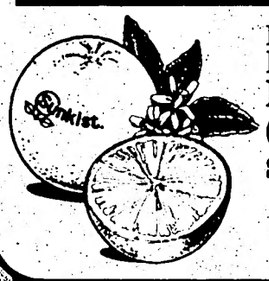

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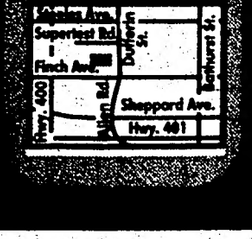

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Double standard cited as cause for date rape

By DEBBIE LIGHTSTONE

TORONTO —

It's a typical 1992 scenario: a high school guy and girl go out on a first date and have sex. How do most people, including peers, view them?

"The girl is seen as a slut, the guy as a stud. She's considered 'easy', while he 'got lucky'," says Bernie Finnigan, a social worker with Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS) who has spent the last 13 years working with adolescents.

"Despite all the talk about equality, the double standard still exists in 1992. Parents give their sons and daughters different messages about sexual behavior. Boys have a lot more leeway. They're told: wear a condom, don't get her pregnant, don't get a disease. Girls are told: don't do it!

"It's time parents recognized that someone else's son is getting that message and bringing it to their daughter!" he said.

Finnigan, 35, is currently the coordinator of the JF&CS's Adolescent Outreach Program. He spends many hours at Toronto and area high schools talking with young people about society's attitudes toward sex and sexual assault, attitudes that teenagers often internalize without questioning.

He spoke recently on date rape at a community forum in Thornhill, sponsored by B'nai Brith Women, and it was clear from the eager participation of the audience of 60 teenage girls and their parents, that the issues are emotionally charged.

Said 12-year-old Lesley Nightingale, "I'm here because my worst fear is getting raped, my friends talk about it a lot, it's really scary ... I wanted to learn more about how to protect myself."

Mothers Sarah Abuharoon and Shula Wanono came with their daughters because "We wanted to have some advice, they don't want to talk to us, they know everything, so maybe they will listen to someone else."

Ironically, only three teenager boys showed up, one of whom was "dragged here by my mother," and in turn forced his friend to come.

This didn't surprise Finnigan who said that boys view date rape as the girls', and not their, problem.

"Parents ought to bring their sons, but instead — the double standard again — they tend to put the responsibility for preventing sexual behavior on girls."

Finnigan defined sexual assault (as distinct from sexual harassment, which may not include a physical act) as any unconsented-to sexual action, from touching to intercourse. And he relayed some frightening statistics:

- In a survey, male college students were asked if they would sexually assault a women providing they would not be caught. Forty percent said they would.
- The latest studies indicate that as many as half of all women will be sexually assaulted during their lifetime.
- Only 20 percent of sexual assaults are committed by strangers; 80 percent are by someone the woman knows; a date, relative, neighbor or friend.
- It's estimated that only one percent of all date rapes are reported to police.

Finnigan said he is constantly amazed by the blame-the-victim mentality in classroom discussions of sexual assault.

Challenge prevailing ideas

"So often males, and females too, will say, 'look what she was wearing, a miniskirt and a tank top ... she was dancing with him, she kissed him, she was leading him on ...' Somehow the responsibility is taken off the man and that's a dangerous message," he said.

"It takes men off the hook and sends women the message that if only they wore the right thing, or behaved in a certain way they could prevent rape — but that's simply not true," Finnigan pointed out.

How to decrease the frightening incidence of sexual violence?

Finnigan believes society, all the way from the courts and police to what's taught in the home, must challenge many of the prevailing ideas about sexual assault.

For him the botton line is: "No matter what a woman says or does if there is not consent, it's sexual assault and the man has to take responsibility for his actions."

Practical suggestions from the audience included more dialogue in schools; they were dismayed to learn that Finnigan's teen outreach program at JF&CS is a one-man operation whose funding comes up for grabs every year.

REENA RESIDENCE

The Reena Foundation recently opened another residence, at 409 Wilson Ave. in North York. The 10 new apartments will house 16 Reena clients. At the ribbon cutting were (from left) Ira Sack of Reena's board of directors, Claude Bennett, chairman of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp., Ontario Housing Minister Evelyn Gigantes, Reena Foundation executive director Sandy Keshen and North York councillor Mike Feldman. [Ron Csillag photo]

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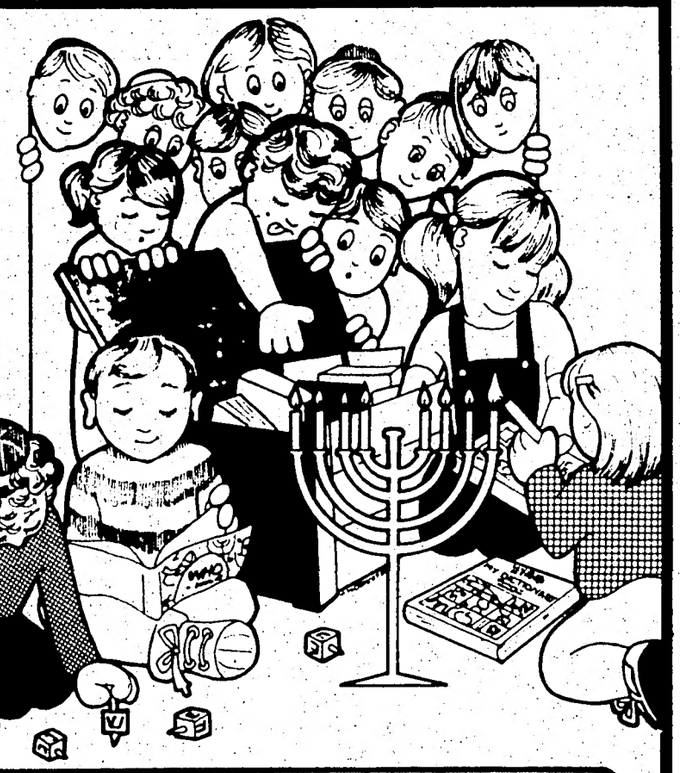

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FIRST YBN PROGRAM

The Young Business Network (YBN) of United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus held its first program of the year at the Toronto Stock Exchange recently featuring speaker Chuck Winograd, chair and CEO of Richardson Greenshields, Canada's largest independent investment dealer. Winograd also serves as co-chair of UJA's Investment Division. Attending were (from left): Elisa Palter, co-chair, YBN, program follow-up committee, Gilert Palter, co-chair, YBN program committee, Winograd, Antony Karabus, YBN chair and Marlon Levin, YBN program follow-up committee co-chair.

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Abused Jewish woman bares her soul

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Life's simple pleasures are what Lilian Green relishes these days. Listening to music, going to shul, writing fiction and poetry and making a living at it — all give her quiet strength. "I have peace," says the 36-year-old Toronto woman. "I don't take anything for granted."

Green indeed conveys a sense of tranquility but one that belies the sheer hell she endured for almost all her young life.

But she's upfront about it, almost matter-of-fact. Her grandmother, she says plainly, abused her physically and sexually from age 2 to 9. Her brother abused her sexually from age 10 to 13 and her husband abused her physically, psychologically and sexually from age 20 to 30. And it all happened against a backdrop of the traditional, middle-class, good Jewish family. Green manages a small smile.

To be blunt about it, it's nothing short of miraculous that Green is still in possession of her faculties, never mind that she's articulate, creative, even cheery. There's little doubt about her inner strength and the resilience of her spirit.

Green dismisses the argument that a searing book she's authored about her years spent in abusive relationships is therapeutic or that its writing was a cathartic experience.

"I wrote the book to give something back to the community," she told *The CJN* in a interview. "It's a contribution to healing."

Green's gripping and sensitive book, titled *Ordinary Wonders, Living Recovery from Sexual Abuse* (Women's Press, $15.95), is anything but ordinary. Based on diaries she kept from 1986 to 1990, the years she finally sought counselling, Green has at once created a nightmarish child's world from which she could not escape her grandmother's and brother's brutal advances, and a maddening tale of being trapped by a monstrous husband from whom she ultimately escaped.

In all, it's a harrowing story of being locked in, of feeling isolated, alone and dirty, of being raped no less than 4,000 times by people supposed to be loved ones. But Green's book is also uplifting, for it chronicles the author's slow but steady climb out from the abyss and into the healing process.

It also lifts the veil of secrecy surrounding the issue of abuse in the Jewish community. Jewish families are not exempt from the problem, no matter how much the community pretends it doesn't happen. Recent surveys, which Green quotes, shows abuse occurs in 15 to 19 percent of Jewish homes, religious and secular alike, which roughly mirrors the rate in the general community.

But the surveys also show a darker trend: that Jewish women reporting abuse stay in abusive relationships longer than non-Jewish women. On average, non-Jewish women come forward after three to five years of living with violence, while Jewish women live with abuse eight to 10 years.

"For a community that places a high value on family life," Green writes, "this is hard to stomach."

It can be explained, she says, by the community's denial of the problem.

"Our values operate against us. The home and family are paramount in Judaism. For a Jewish woman to say she is abused is to admit that the holiest place in Judaism is, in fact, hell.

"Every Jewish woman who is abused believes she is alone. I did. I thought it was all my fault. I felt completely isolated. It's reasonable and natural for [an abused Jewish] woman to think no one will support her."

Denying there is abuse in Jewish homes "is a self-protecting myth; that we are somehow better than the gentiles. It's how we've fought anti-Semitism. We've said, 'They'd stop hating us if they realized how good we are.' The victim of abuse does the same thing."

Green praises Jewish Family & Child Service, which has recently started a group for incest survivors and has trailblazed therapies for victims of abuse. The community also runs a one-room shelter for battered women.

But it's not enough, Green feels. "My hope is for the Jewish community to marshal all its forces to create something positive out of something horrific. The silence out there is so damaging.

"What Jewish women need to hear from the community is, 'We know that one in five of your friends, neighbors, co-workers and relatives are abused and this is how we'll help.' The community does itself a disservice by denying our experience and our wisdom."

Ordinary Wonders also goes a long way in explaining why women don't immediately pack up and leave abusive partners.

The notion "presupposes that woman *can* leave. It's like leaving an occupied country. Only the most heroic do it."

And heroism is something Green knows a little about.

Lilian Green will appear at the Leah Posluns Theatre, as part of Jewish Book Fair in Metro, on Dec. 10 at 1.30.

Yiddish journalist dies

MONTREAL —

Jacob Rabinovitch, who was the Montreal correspondent of the New York-based Yiddish weekly *Algemeiner Journal*, for many years, passed away recently at the age of 83.

Despite failing health for the last couple of years, Rabinovitch continued to write frequently and, in recent months, had been absorbed in explaining the constitutional debate and urging the Jewish community to vote yes in the referendum.

Born in Telz, Lithuania, Rabinovitch was a descendant of a famous rabbinical family and was himself learned in religious as well as secular matters. His sister was the wife of the chief rabbi of the Bnei Brak Orthodox sect in Israel, a position now held by his nephew.

Rabinovitch frequently used his space in the *Algemeiner Journal* to defend the interests of the little person, victims of injustices whose voices would not normally be heard.

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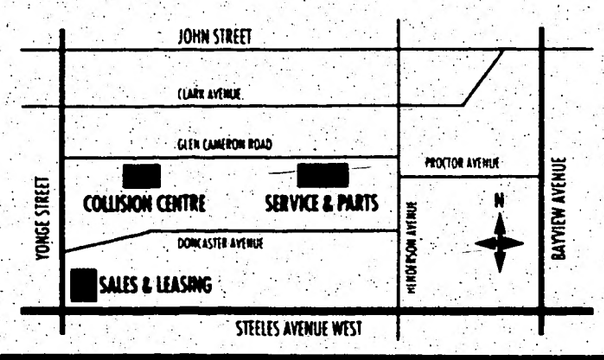

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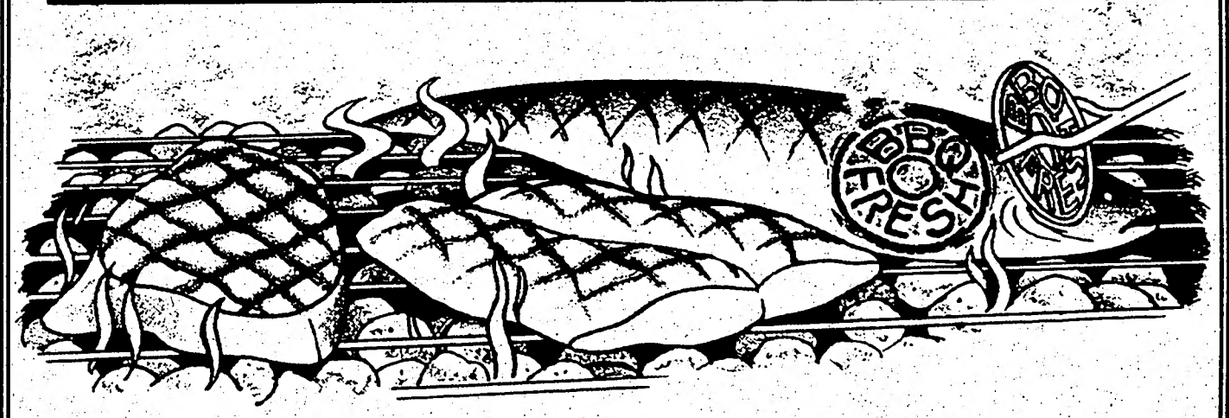

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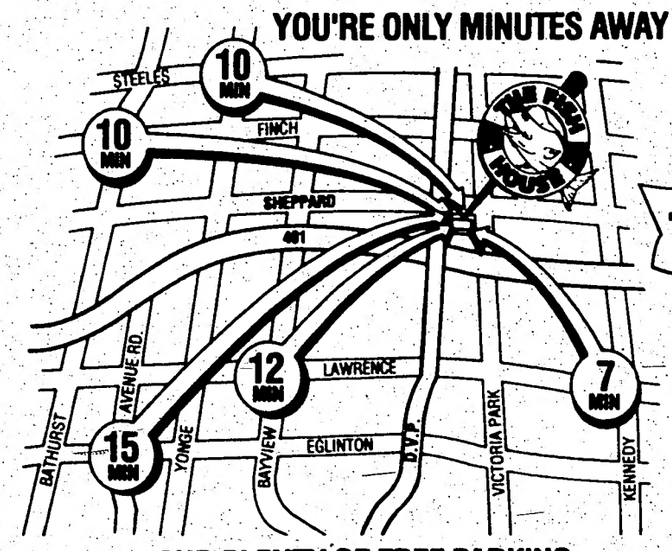

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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, Dec. 3, is deadline for Dec. 17 issue, and Thursday, Dec. 10, is deadline for Dec. 24 issue). Also, please note that I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Saturday, Dec. 5

OSHAWA NOTES

Beth Zion Congregation, 144 King St. E., Oshawa, is presenting a special program from Jews for Judaism at 8 p.m. **Julius Ciss** will conduct the program which will include a 30-minute video on missionaries and their activities. Admission is free. For information, call (416) 723-2353.

Sunday, Dec. 6

NASTY GIRL

As part of its series of Sunday movie matinees, Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave., is presenting the film *Nasty Girl* at 2 p.m. For information, call 694-7942.

KOLEL SINGLES STUDY PROGRAM

The third monthly study program for singles, offered by Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, focuses on Jewish Mysticism. This evening of in-depth Judaic study is for ages 25-40. The format is a presentation followed by small study groups exploring a traditional text from a liberal, egalitarian perspective. For more information, call 660-3154.

RELIGIOUS ENVIRONMENTALISM

The Hillel Children's Workshop adult discussion topic, Religious Environmentalism, will be discussed by **Peter Beyer**, Department of Religious Studies, University of Toronto. The time is 10:45 a.m. in Room 524, New College, 40 Willcocks St. For further information, contact **Bob Katz** at 929-3537.

JUDAICA SHOP SALE

At the Holy Blossom Temple Judaica Shop sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., all items will be reduced 20 percent (except books, tapes, red sticker items already reduced). Also, many new items will be on display for Chanukah — menorahs, dreidls, gift wrap, gifts for children, video cassettes. Check out the special clearance values.

SISTERHOOD MEETING

Shaarei Tefillah Sisterhood breakfast meeting features **Laura Surman**, who will demonstrate arts and crafts. Items will be available for sale. The time is 10 a.m. at the synagogue. For more information, call **Sharon** at 787-1631.

YOUNG JEWISH ADULTS

The Association of Young Jewish Adults (22-35) (formerly the Jewish Adult Programming Society) presents *Deperado — Live*, a tribute to the Eagles and the work of **Don Henley, Glenn Frey** and **Joe Walsh**, at Billy Barroo's (Steeles and Dufferin) at 8 p.m. Tickets are $10 at the door. For information, call 760-4149.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM BROTHERHOOD

At the Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood breakfast meeting **Dr. Margaret MacAdam**, vice-president, Social Services, Baycrest Centre, will speak on Everything You Wanted to Know About Baycrest Admissions. Serices are at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9:30. Public is invited and admission is free.

CONGREGATION KESHET SHALOM

Congregation Keshet Shalom is holding a Yom Tov Education Seminar on Chanukah: history, observance, customs, traditions, plus a latke cook-off, at 3 p.m. For details, call 925-1408.

HABONIM BREAKFAST CLUB

Congregation Habonim's Breakfast Club invites you to hear **Joel Verbin**, director, Jewish Information Service, talk about Tel-Aide: The Jewish Distress Line. The time is 10 a.m. at Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. (Bathurst-Glencairn) Breakfast and lecture are $6 per person.

Monday, Dec. 7

WOMEN'S ROLE

The Issues and Insights lecture series presented by New Leadership, Toronto chapter, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, in co-operation with the Institute for Jewish Learning, continues with Women's Role in Jewish Observance with **Prof. Norma Joseph** and **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein** at 7:45 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Tickets are $22. Call 485-8000.

ELINOR CAPLAN TO SPEAK

Club Zemora, Na'amat Canada, is having **Elinor Capaln** speak at 7:15 p.m. Anyone interested in attending should call the office at 636-5425.

CHABAD LUBAVITCH

At Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre, 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill, **Rabbi Yosef Gansburg's** class, Unearthing the World of the Bible, continues with The Fears of a Tzaddik, 7:45-8:35. **Rabbi Mendel Bernstein** continues his Soul Trek course with Kabbalistic Meditation, 8:50-9:40 p.m. For information, call 731-7000.

Tuesday, Dec. 8

CHANUKAH FESTIVITIES

Start celebrating the Festival of Lights early at the City of North York's Chanukah festivities, a presentation of Israeli dances and music, with the Jewish Community Centre. The time is 7:30-9 p.m. at North York City Hall, 5100 Yonge St. Free admission. For information, call 395-7350.

DINNER-DIALOGUE

As part of Beth Tikvah adult education series, Pressures on Conservative Jews in Contemporary Society, **Jack Wertheimer**, professor of Jewish history, Jewish Theological Seminary, will speak on The Changing Jewish Family in the 1990s: Implications for the Conservative Movement at a dinner-dialogue. Dinner ($6) is at 6 p.m., lecture at 8. Prior dinner reservations are necessary. Call 221-3433.

DOING BUSINESS WITH ISRAEL

On Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 4:30-10 p.m., the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce will present a seminar, Doing Business With Israel — The Time Is Right, at the Park Plaza Hotel. Highlights include a keynote address by **A.I (Ed) Mlavsky**, executive director of BIRD Foundation, which has helped establish and fund 300 research and investment joint ventures between American and Israeli companies, on the topic High Tech Strategic Partnerships with Israeli Companies; a presentation by a Success Panel including individuals who have had successful business experiences with Israel, plus a cocktail reception and kosher buffet dinner.

The cost is $100 per person. Contact the CICC at 961-7302 for reservations and/or further information.

CHANUKAH GIFT SHOW

A Chanukah gift show and craft sale is being sponsored by Lev Zahev chapter, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, from 7-10 p.m. at the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. Admission is free. For information, call **Lisa** at 651-6559.

THE LAWS OF MOURNING

The final lecture in the series, Night and Mourning, by **Rabbi Steven Cohen** of Kehillat Shaarei Torah, deals with Yizkor and the Customs of Yahrzeit at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 2640 Bayview Ave. Call 229-2600 for more information.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The T'nach Study Group will focus on Book of Kings I, Chapter IX, with **Dr. Isadore Cass** at 8:15 p.m. at Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St.

MARKHAM ST. SHUL LECTURE

At Markham St. Shul, 397 Markham St., the lecture series, Exploring Jewish Ethics and Spirituality, with **Rabbi Michael Skobac** will focus on Exploring the Power of Speech at 7:30 p.m., followed at 8:30 p.m. with **Rabbi Mitch Mandel's** series, Through the Eyes of Judaism, dealing with Intimacy. For information, call 533-0007.

Wednesday, Dec. 9

OHR SOMAYACH/JEP LECTURE

Chanukah's arrival will be heralded by a fascinating lecture by **Rabbi Nathan Bulman**, dean of men of the Ohr Somayach Institutions, entitled Darkness, Doughnuts and the Four Sided Top, at 9 p.m. at Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. There is no admission fee for this public address. For further information, call 886-5730.

VEGETARIAN COOKING

The second in a series of lectures for women sponsored by the Young Leaders of Baycrest Centre features **Nettie Cronish**, vegetarian chef and food writer, speaking on Vegetarian Cooking and Nutrition: Making Healthy Choices at 8 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Tickets are $12. To reserve or for information, call 789-7071.

CHANUKAH IN SONG

The Barabara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd., is sponsoring a Celebration of Chanukah in Song at 7 p.m. featuring the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir in a program of traditional Chanukah songs, an excerpt from **Handel's** oratorio *Judas Maccabeus*, and several Yiddish songs. The choir is conducted by **David Varjabed** with piano accompaniment by **Lina Zemelman**. Admission is free.

MENDELE SAYS...

The first of two programs presented by Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue continuing education and library committees during Jewish Book Month is Mendele Says...an evening of stories, songs and music to observe the 75th anniversary of the death of Yiddish writer, **Sholom Jacob Abramovitsch**, known as **Mendele Moykher Sforim** (Mendele the Bookseller), featuring **Justin Lewis**, storyteller; **Jane Enkin**, singer; and **Jordan Clapman**, musician. The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue. Everyone is welcome and admission is free. For information, call 633-3838.

GRAYING AT THE TEMPLES

Author/lawyer **Morley Torgov** will speak on Graying at the Temples at the Holy Blossom Temple Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group's meeting, taking place at noon at the temple. Bring your own lunch. Tea, coffee and cookies will be served. There is a $1 tea-money charge. For information, call **Deborah** at 789-3291. The next meeting takes place Jan. 13.

DIVINE PROVIDENCE

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham's series, The Secrets of Kabballah with **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**, concludes with Divine Providence in This World, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. For information, call 886-0420.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework will meet at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple. The program, entitled The Temple Revisited, features guest speaker **Richie Idels** who will present a slide presentation of the garments, fabrics and designs found within the Temple. For more information, call **Susan Ruben** at 881-7918.

JEWS FOR JUDAISM SERIES

The lecture series, What Every Jew Should Know About Missionaries, presented by Jews for Judaism, concludes with Dialogue with a Former Jew for Jesus, at 8 p.m. at Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library, 4600 Bathurst St. Cost is $5. For information, call 789-2851.

Thursday, Dec. 10

ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR TO CANADA

Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada invites you to an address by **Itzhak Shelef**, Israel's ambassador to Canada, on the topic Israel in the Middle East—The End of the 20th Century, at a luncheon at 12:15 p.m. at the Park Plaza Hotel. Couvert for luncheon is $15. RSVP to **Beverley Livshitz**, 635-2883, ext. 143. For further information, contact **Bert Raphael** at 594-1812.

THE HABIMA PLAYERS

Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., is presenting the Habima Players in a program of skits and plays at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free.

And What Else Is New...

OUR FOLK CULTURAL HERITAGE

Beth Tzedec Congregation adult education committee presents the Milton and Shoshana Shi-

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FUNDRAISING EVENT

The Dysautonomia Foundation's Toronto and Tikvah chapters' 11th annual fundraising event was held at the home of Dorothy Black recently. Proceeds go to research into familial dysautonomia, a rare genetic disease affecting Jewish children of Ashkenazi descent. Pictured front row (from left) are Evelyn Pelman, treasurer; Gerry Goodbaum, invitations chair; Hildy Weiman, co-convenor. Back row (from left) are Tovi Israeli and Bertha Lapidus, co-presidents; Dorothy Black, hostess; Dena Weiman, co-convenor. Not shown are Ellie Burns and Brenda Dimitry, Tikvah co-presidents; and Bertha Dermer, founding president. [Tom Sandler photo]

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At Saturday services, the pulpit lecture will be Folkways of Jewish Holidays (services 9 a.m., lecture 10 a.m.). The Shabbat Study Luncheon at noon will focus on My Way—To the Study of Jewish Folklore. The Sunday Men's Club breakfast meeting will deal with The Lilith Legend: Male and Female in Jewish Folklore (breakfast at 9:30 a.m., lecture at 10).

The public is welcome. Admission to lectures is free. There is a charge for luncheon and breakfast. Call 781-3511.

SPIRIT OF CHANUKAH CONCERT

Beth David B'nai israel Beth Am announces a Spirit of Chanukah Concert featuring the synagogue's **Cantor Yehuda Rottner**, accompanied by **Nathan Rosen**, Saturday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m.

Tickets are $10 and are available at the synagogue office, Israel's, Miriam's, Negev and Aleph-Bet Judaica book stores. Proceeds will support children newly-arrived from Russia and Ethiopia studying at Ulpan Amana in Kfar Saba, Israel.

AT THE KOFFLER GALLERY

Premiering at the Koffler Gallery Thursday, Dec. 3, at 8 p.m. is an exhibition of sculptural works by Montreal artist **Catherine Widgery** entitled Collective Amnesia, and an installation of plastic figurines by **Maria Hlady** entitled Beauty (this is the second exhibition of the High Junk curatorial project). Both exhibitions continue to Jan. 15.

MARCH OF THE LIVING

At the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Brotherhood breakfast meeting Sunday, Dec. 13, guest speakers are the 1992 participants of the March of the Living. The program includes slide presentation of pre-war Poland, post-war slides of Auschwitz, Birkenau and Treblinka, and the participants choral presentation. Guests' cover charge is $2. Attendance is limited to 200. Call the synagogue at 633-3838 for reservations and ticket pick-up.

NEW YEAR DANCE

Hats off to the New Year dance at Temple Har Zion, Thursday, Dec. 31, at 9 p.m.! There'll be hot and cold hors d'oevre, sweet table, along with dancing. Everyone is welcome. Tickets are $30 (not available at the door). Call 889-2252 for details. This event is sponsored by Temple Har Zion social committee.

SNOW CONNECTIONS

The annual Snow Connections Program is underway again, linking student (12-17 yrs) and adult (18 plus) snow shovellers with seniors and persons with disabilities residing in the City of North York. There is a charge of $7 per hour for a student shoveller or $12 per hour for an adult shoveller (linkages subject to availability). For more information and eligibility requirements, call 447-5074. You will be directed to the centre responsible for your area.

CHANUKAH CABARET

Friends of Yiddish presents a Chanukah Cabaret Sunday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at 471 Lawrence Ave. W, (Workmen's Circle) with songs by **Gloria Valentine** and music by **John Henry** plus latkes, dessert, door prizes. Charge is $6 members, $8 non-members, $4 students. RSVP by Dec. 8 to 886-2151 or 883-9403.

JF & CS WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following workshops — Adult Children Losing Parents (exploring and understanding the grief process, acceptance and growth, begins Jan. 6); Young Widows/Widowers (coping with grief, living alone, changing relationships, looking ahead, begins Jan. 26); Parenting the Young Child is hard Work (child development, realistic expectations, discipline and self-esteem, begins in the New Year). For more information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman** at 638-7800.

BISEXUAL & LESBIAN GROUP

A Jewish bisexual and lesbian feminist group meets the first Thursday of each month beginning Dec. 3, from 8-10 p.m. at the 519 Church St. Community Centre, Room 31. Location is accessible. For information, call **Vanessa Russell** at 397-3346 (days)

at the JCC

Registration for winter camps and courses at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch opens Sunday, Dec. 6. Winter Vacation Fun Days (ages 4½-10) and Gymnastics Winter Break Camp (ages 8-12) each run Dec. 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30 and 31, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee for Fun Days is $27 per day or $200 for eight days. Free for Gymnastics Camp is $108 for four days or $200 for eight days.

Courses at the Bloor Y include swimming, pottery, preschool, fitness and much more. All courses begin the week of Jan. 10. Call 924-6211 for your free program guide or pick one up at 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor).

The Bloor Y Concert for Kids presents the Meeting Place Theatre's Heritage Play Series second play, *Chanukah*, Sunday, Dec. 13, at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. This is suitable for ages 3-8 and their families. Tickets are $6. For phone orders, call 924-6211.

Theatregoers, (ages 33-45), will be meeting for brunch and a tour of the Royal Ontario Museum Sunday, Dec. 6, 11:30 a.m. at the Bloor Y. Cost is $18. Reserve in advance. Call **Luni** at 924-6211.

for seniors

Wagman Centre upcoming events— Touch and Intimacy lecture with nursing assistant **Penny Birrell** and nurse **Diane May**, Wednesday, Dec, 9, 1:30-2:30 p.m. (register by Dec. 8, at the office, 789-5131, ext. 2267); the series, What is Normal?—Relationships and the Older Adult, continues Wednesday, Dec. 9, 3-4:30 p.m., with the film *Women Who Don't Have Husbands*, Part 1; Creative Arts and Greenhouse Gift Sale, featuring hand-crafted items and house plants at reduced prices, Thursday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the lobby; social afternoon Sunday, Dec. 6, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; Tuesday evening program Dec. 8 with **Paul Mathew** and **Arnie Wiskin**, 7:30-8:30.

The LZA Seniors Club will celebrate Chanukah at a party and dance with entertainment by **Phil Gold** and his orchestra, Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codesll Ave. Tickets available from **Joe Isenman**. Discussion Group meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Ladies Dance Group gets together at Tuesdays at 1 p.m. The seniors meet Monday to Friday for social activities at the centre 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Light refreshments are available.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is taking reservations for the Florida trip (kosher hotels Saxony, Shore and Crown) and for the Israeli Purim trip March 1-22. Ongoing programs in conjunction with North York Board of Education continue. For information on all trips and activities, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

Good Age Club at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave., is holding a concert by the students of Central Technical School, Thursday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club programs include a dance Saturday, Dec. 5, 7-10 p.m.; dance with a live band, Sunday, Dec. 6, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; the movie *Down the Argentine Way*, Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2 p.m.; Stage West to see *Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, Wednesday, Dec. 9; 5-pin bowling for members only at York Bowlerama, Mondays 1 p.m.; Chanukah party, Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2-4 p.m.; New Year's eve dinner and dance, Thursday, Dec. 31 (members $28, non-members $34). For information, call 636-7856.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). For information, call 782-9432 or 635-5604.

Young at Heart Seniors has arranged a trip to Florida for one or two months or whatever you want at the Seabrook Hotel in Surfside for $1,830. Partners available. Everyone is welcome. Call **Helen** at 635-6343. Also, a trip to Israel is being planned (price and details to follow).

Taylor Place Health and Special Service Seminars present Insurance and OHIP When Travelling, Tuesday, Dec. 8, 11 a.m. to noon, at 1 Overland Dr., Don Mills. To reserve a place, call 447-7244.

Sunrise offers New Year's in California including Rose Bowl Parade, Dec. 28-Jan. 7; Miami, Feb 1-March 1, at Maxine Hotel, $1,720 Canadian funds, single with efficiency; Egypt and Israel with four-night Nile cruise, April 18-May 3. Call **Esther** at 932-2534 or **Manny** at 633-7463. For registration, meet with Esther and Manny every Tuesday, 2-4 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre.

Club Hadar meets Mondays and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Centre, Meeting Room 2, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. Programs include Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. For information, call **Viola Landman** at 886-2625.

Sunshine Travel Group 50 Plus is taking registration for Florida trip leaving Jan. 12 for four, six, seven and eight weeks at the Colonial Inn, north Miami Beach. call **Sylvia** at 730-0503.

December highlights at **Shalom Village** in Hamilton include— Sunday, Dec. 6, Simcha with music by **Joseph Roth**, 2 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 7, Pioneer Women craft show, 9 a.m.; Thursday, Dec. 10, **Luba Mera**, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, Dec. 13, **Mrs. Misman** and her music students, 2 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 18, board games with **Sue Waters**, 2:30 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 20, board games with **Sue Waters**, 2 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 21, **Captain Bill James**, magician; Wednesday, Dec. 23, Millionaire's Day with pancake breakfast at 9 a.m., casino afternoon at 2 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 31, special dinner, 5:30 p.m. For information, call 529-7542 in Hamilton.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2212.

La'Briyut Wellnes Centre health lecture series presents Tuberculosis Update with **Margaret Litt**, North York Public Health Department, Thursday, Dec. 10, 1:30 p.m.

The wait list is available for Computers for Seniors with **Susan Steckel**, a North York Board of Education course which starts Jan. 4. and will run Wednesdays, 12:30-2:30 p.m. for 10 sessions. Individuals will be called in the order they get listed. Materials fee is $15. For more information, call **Bookie Kwart** at 225-2112.

Beginners Hebrew with **Batia Shalev** runs Wednesdays, Dec. 2-20, 10 a.m. to noon. Register at information desk.

Craft workshop with artist **Tutzi Seguin** features Printing on Batik, Friday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to noon. Register at information desk.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. Come and join in all the interesting events. For more information, call **Anna** at 225-2112.

The movie, *On Golden Pond*, will be screened Sunday, Dec. 6, 2:30 p.m.

An afternoon of songs in many languages with **Jenny Prestman** is set for Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1:30 p.m.

About People

CREATE ABILITY

Create Ability is the new handbook by **Fran Herman** and **James Smith**, authors of the much-acclaimed *Accentuate the Positive: Expressive Arts for Children with Disabilities*.

Create Ability was written for parents and professionals who work with young chidren, birth to six years of age, who have special needs. Its aims are to inform on how to enhance children's self-esteem, control over their environment, and communication. Hundreds of ideas are promoted, drawn on almost 50 years of experience with children.

Herman, a prominent music therapist, is the founder and former director of the Creative Arts Department at Hugh MacMillan Rehabilitation Centre. Co-author Smith, sculptor and remedial art instructor, has worked with special children at many Ontario centres. For information, call 488-6363.

ART EXHIBIT

During the month of December, the Beth Tikvah Artists of Beth Tikvah Synagogue, in the continuing series of showcase exhibits, will be featuring the most recent work of Toronto-born artist **Ruth Graner**. The work on exhibit, coinciding with the Festival of Chanukah, is entitled Todah/Rabah: Todah/Rabah? It asks the viewer to contemplate the contributions of the past and the viewer's role in those of the present.

Ruth Graner

Graner has degrees from both the University of Toronto and York University. She is the recipient of several honors and awards. Her multi-media work may be found in collections here and abroad.

NEEDED EQUIPMENT

A cheque to purchase a much-needed piece of equipment for the Plastics and Burn Unit of the Hospital for Sick Children in honor of Lindsay Lefton, a craniofacial patient, was presented recently by Gerald Freud (left), past president, Don Mills Lodge, B'nai Brith, to Zorina Flaman, a nurse on the unit and Klaus Wersig, president, Hospital for Sick Children Foundation.

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Organizations and People

Shloshim held for Sokol

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

It was only fitting that the shloshim, the marking of the 30th day after death, for Nachman Sokol was held at Ulpanat Orot Girls' School.

Founding Bnei Akiva Schools in Toronto, of which Ulpanat Orot is the companion school to Yeshivat Or Chaim, said Jack Kahn, national president of Mizrachi of Canada, was one of the accomplishments about which Sokol was most proud.

That was only one cause he espoused during his 66 years in Canada (he was born in Brisk, Poland), noted Kahn. Others included Ner Israel Yeshiva, Hashomer Hadati, Torah V'Avodah, Mizrachi, Bnei Akiva, and Camp Moshava.

In Israel, said Kahn, he was involved with Bar-Ilan University, Shaarei Tzedek Hospital, hesder yeshivot and ulpanat, not to mention Yeshiva University in New York.

"He dedicated his life to Torah education here and in Medinat Israel," said Kahn.

Over 200 people braved Toronto's first snowfall of the season to honor Sokol, at a memorial service held at the Nachman Sokol Torah Centre, the home of Ulpanat Orot.

Grandson Sean Halberstadt, a graduate of Or Chaim, concluded a portion of Talmud which he had been studying in Sokol's memory. Boys of the yeshivah, as well as students in

Nachman Sokol

many Israeli yeshivot, also studied a Talmud portion for the same reason.

Rabbi Avishai David, rosh yeshivah of Bnei Akiva Schools in Toronto, said that Sokol was, like the Biblical Joseph, "a builder and a dreamer."

He worked hard to build the land and the state of Israel, Rabbi David said, just as he labored to build fortresses of Torah.

Describing Sokol as one who "labored in the vineyards of the L-rd," Rabbi David said "He planted luscious grapes — the boys and girls steeped in Torah because of his efforts."

Rabbi David emphasized Sokol's indominatable energy, his commitment to keeping the laws of Torah when it was almost unheard of to do so in America, his zest for life, personal flair, warmth and charm.

He was "a wheeler-dealer," with a "talent for shlepping money out of people" for his causes.

To the laughter of the family present, Saul Koschitszky, chair of Yeshivat Bnei Akiva, said that material things, like fancy clothes or cars, just didn't count for Sokol.

Because of Sokol's hard work, Koschitszky said, there is a generation of Torah-committed and educated balabatim in Israel and north America, including four pulpit rabbis.

Eldest granddaughter Mindy Shiel, her voice breaking, noted that her grandfather took time to listen to his family, and to help whenever he could. She remembered how he enjoyed his grandchildren, not just at playtime, such as taking them bowling, but seeing them at "his" yeshivah.

Sokol, she said, "never tried to enforce his beliefs on others."

Special prayers were recited by son-in-law Pesach Halberstadt, and the K'El Molei Rachamim was sung by Rabbi Menachem Gopin, national executive director of Mizrachi.

Sokol is survived by his wife, Bertha, 4 children, Rabbi Marvin Sokol, Ruby Sokol, Gloria Halberstadt, and Merna Davidovitz, 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

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(A.Y.J.A.) Association of Young Jewish Adults (formerly J.A.P.S.) presents "Desperado"- Live, "A Tribute to The Eagles" at Billy Barroo's (N.W. corner of Steeles and Dufferin). 8:00pm. Sunday, December 6. $10.00 at the door. For more information please call 760-4149. 12675

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Atideynu Lodge (20's and 30's) presents: Karaoke at Osio on Saturday, December 5. 8:30pm. College Park (at Yonge and College). Warm up your vocal chords for this amazing event. Contact Shari, 222-0272. 12636

Atideynu Lodge (20's and 30's) presents: Chanukah Party on Tuesday, December 8. 7:30pm. 15 Hove Street. Admission members free, non-members $3.00. Come join us for a fun filled evening of charades, games, music, latkas, free refreshments and lots of mingling. Contact Shari, 222-0272. 12637

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Jewish Dateline presents **Wendy Dennis** author of "Hot and Bothered" speaking on "Men and Women, Sex and Love in the 1990's". Sunday, December 13. 8:00pm. At the 16th Annual **Jewish Book Fair**, Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst Street. Reception following. $6.00 admission. 789-0110. 12713

Beit Halochem Canada presents a brunch with Israeli spy novelist **Steven Hartov**, author of **"The Heat of Ramadan"**. Sunday, December 13. 11:00am. 10 Tichester (party room). $15. Tickets: call 488-7649. 12771

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Friedberg leaves Beth Tzedec

By RON CSILLAG

Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg

TORONTO —
Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg chuckles when it's suggested that as spiritual leader of Beth Tzedec Congregation, Canada's largest synagogue, he's as much a mayor of a small town as a rabbi.

"That's true," he agrees. "This synagogue is the size of a small community. But you know, it *is* a community and it's possible to find intimacy here."

Any such intimacy has been undoubtedly due to Rabbi Friedberg's approach to his job. "To me, a synagogue is people. My priorities were to serve people and be with people."

He already uses the past tense, for as of Nov. 30, Rabbi Friedberg retired as spiritual leader of Beth Tzedec after 18 years on the pulpit. Associate Rabbi Irvin Beigel will take over until a permanent replacement is found.

At 65, Rabbi Friedberg is ready to slow down, although he confesses he'll miss the daily routine. He'll spend six months of the year in Toronto, his hometown, and the other six in Israel, writing, doing some organizational work and perhaps teaching.

Seeing to the spiritual needs of Beth Tzedec's 3,300 member families has been no small task. "It hasn't been easy. There's no such thing as a day off," Rabbi Friedberg says.

But it probably seemed like light duty compared to the nine months in 1955 that he was at Beth Tzedec as assistant rabbi.

"I was an assistant to nobody," he recalls. "There was no senior rabbi, so I did it all. I worked 16, 18, 20 hours a day. But I loved it."

Rabbi Friedberg's brief stint at Beth Tzedec was not long after the synagogue was born of the merger between the Beth Hamidrash Hagadol (the University Avenue synagogue) and the Goel Tzedec (the McCaul Street shul).

Ordained in 1954, Rabbi Friedberg spent a year in Rochester, N.Y. before coming to Beth Tzedec. From there, he assumed a pulpit in London, Ont. at Beth Israel Synagogue, where he stayed five years.

It was then on to Agudath Israel Congregation in Ottawa, where Rabbi Friedberg served for 13 years.

He arrived at Beth Tzedec just after the late Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg and the shul departed ways in a bitter contractual dispute that rankled the community for years.

The Rabbi Rosenberg episode caused a huge uproar and split the synagogue. "Only through time did I sense how deep the hurt was," Rabbi Friedberg remembers.

The latter part of the 1970s and the '80s were heady times. Members of Beth Tzedec were at the forefront of protests against the United Nations' Zionism is racism resolution and for the emigration of Soviet and Syrian Jews. Menachem Begin addressed the community from the shul pulpit in 1978.

There has also been a quieter, internal revolution going on at the synagogue, mirroring trends at other shuls and communities. Women have been demanding a greater role in religious services, and in Toronto, at least, where Conservative synagogues are noticeably to the right of those in the United States, the issue has been a hot potato.

"Judaism is always influenced by the world in which it lives," Rabbi Friedberg explains. "But you have to distinguish where the lines are and which ones you don't cross. That can be a very tricky thing.

"There have been real clashes between certain aspects of Judaism and the 20th century, such as whether Judaism can accommodate the sexual revolution and individualism.

"I will not agree that Judaism can accommodate everything."

It's also become increasingly difficult over in the past two decades for a rabbi to serve as a real leader "because he's thought of as a corporate employee. Too often, synagogues are run like corporations."

Like George Bush, Rabbi Friedberg and his wife Lola are looking forward to getting into the grandparent business fulltime (they have six grandchildren) and to the privilege of unlimited reflection.

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Organizations and People

Jewish community undergoing changes

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Within the last 20 years, there has been a dramatic shift in Canadian Jewish demographics both in the geographic and the age distribution of our communities. The demographic picture was detailed by Evelyn Katz for the seminar, entitled What the Future Holds For Us, which the past president of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council presented to delegates attending the YM/YWHA's Canadian Council of YM/YWHAs and Jewish Community Centres Conference.

Over the past 10-15 years, Katz has spearheaded an ongoing study of Winnipeg's Jewish community and has developed a good working knowledge of the Canadian Jewish demographic story in general.

According to the 1981 census, she noted, there were approximately 300,000 Jews in Canada. (The results of the 1991 census won't be ready for another year or two, she said, but she doesn't expect much change.)

In surveying the major Canadian centres of Jewish populations, Katz noted that the biggest change has taken place between Montreal and Toronto. In 1961, 42 percent of Canadian Jews lived in Montreal while 30 percent lived in Toronto. In the 1986 census, Montreal had a Jewish population of 96,460 or 28 percent of Canadian Jewry while Toronto's Jewish population had reached 41 percent.

Also benefiting from the exodus from Montreal has been Ottawa, whose Jewish citizenry has increased from 9,000 in 1981 to an estimated 17,000 today.

The other fast-growing major Jewish community is Vancouver. In 1961, only 3 percent of Canadian Jewry lived in the west coast city. That figure is now 5.5 percent. The estimates are variable. The population was listed as 15,000 in 1981. A 1986 study suggested there were about 19,000 Jews in Vancouver and the lower mainland. Katz noted however that a Lubavitch study identified 25,000 Jews living in the lower mainland alone.

Contrary to misconception, even among many Winnipeggers, Katz reports that the Winnipeg community, though reduced from its peak of 19,000 in 1961, has been holding steady at about 15,000 since 1981. Her cataloguing system has the names of 14,000 Jewish Winnipeggers, while the 1986 census listed 15,000 to 16,000 Winnipeggers who identified themselves either as religiously or ethnically Jewish.

Saskatchewan, she reported, has slightly over 1,000 Jews while Calgary has about 5,300 and Edmonton is holding steady between 4,000 and 5,000. In the Atlantic region, there were 2,405 Jews in Nova Scotia in 1981 and 1,270 elsewhere in the Maritimes. Throughout southern Ontario, she noted, there has been significant growth, with perhaps 10,000 Jews living in commnunities such as Hamilton, London, Windsor, Guelph, Kitchener, Sarnia and Kingston.

What the numbers tell us, according to Katz, is that, although still a young community, we are already facing problems of aging buildings and infrastructures, organizations that may no longer be relevant and an aging population. According to the '81 census, 16 percent of Jewish Canadians were seniors as compared to 8.9 percent in the overall population. Montreal leads with a Jewish seniors population of 20 percent while the figure is 15 percent for Winnipeg and Toronto and 11 percent for Vancouver.

Our birthrate is also lower than the general community. There has been an increase in births lately but Katz predicts that will be short-lived.

Another problem Katz identified, which touches on the community's ability to raise money, is the changes in livelihoods. This generation tends to be more professional than entrepreneurial, which translates into lower incomes and fewer dollars being donated to the community campaigns.

A further development Evelyn Katz pointed out is that our Jewish communities are no longer as homogeneous as they once were. In Toronto, for example, there are 25,000 Israelis, most of whom are not involved in the larger Jewish community. In Montreal, only recently have efforts been made to bridge the schism between the Anglo-Jewish population and the 20 percent of Jews who are French-speaking Sephardim.

Then there are the Russian Jews who have immigrated in the last few years. Delegates to the conference were treated to a panel discussion led by Barney Yellen, executive director of Winnipeg's Jewish Child and Family Service. The panelists included Sophie Tapper, the Y's Russian integration worker, and three Russian immigrants who have come within the last three years.

Yellen noted that only a few hundred of the 1,300 Russian Jews who have been settled in Winnipeg since 1975 are still there. "Our resettlement efforts were successful," he said, "but we failed to make them feel they were part of the community."

To rectify that situation with those immigrants who have come during the last three years, the Y created Tapper's position. She has worked to find her clients jobs and helped them make friends in the larger Jewish community through programs such as the Family-to-Family program. The other panelists' remarks indicated she has met with some success.

As a whole the trends in Jewish communal life are disturbing, according to Katz. There is a growing number of singles and single-parent households and the intermarriage rate is going up. Further, in quoting Irving Abella, Katz described a crisis on Canadian university campuses. Federations are cutting budgets for campus programs for Jewish students.

"The universities have become a wasteland," Katz said. "Our children are being exposed to academia with its anti-Israel and anti-Jewish onslaughts. What messages are we giving them? How are we helping them to fight back? We are losing them.

"In North America, to live as Jews is just one option among many. We must provide reasons that make that option more saleable than the others. We must build bridges between us and our children and grandchildren and show them the value and relevance of the traditions we are leaving them."

King gets CFTAU post

MONTREAL —

Montrealer Joe King has been named national executive director of Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University (CFTAU). King, who has been executive director for Quebec and Eastern Canada, was named to the national post at the organization's annual board meeting in Toronto.

Prior to joining CFTAU, he was director of communications for Federation CJA for 19 years, retiring in 1988 to a mix of running an art and antique auction house with A. MacKenzie Brockman and serving as a news commentator on CFCF Radio.

For more than 10 years, King wrote a column, Frontline, for *The Canadian Jewish News* on human distress in Montreal. His first career was in broadcast-journalism, serving with the Canadian Press news agency radio division, as vice-president, News and Public Affairs, CJCJ-TV, Halifax and with CFCF Radio and TV, and CFQR-FM, where he handled news, news analysis and public affairs presentations.

His major publications and telecasts include several histories of Jewish Montreal and a background to the Middle East conflict. He also wrote histories of the B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation.

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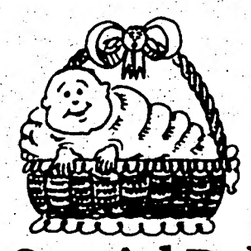

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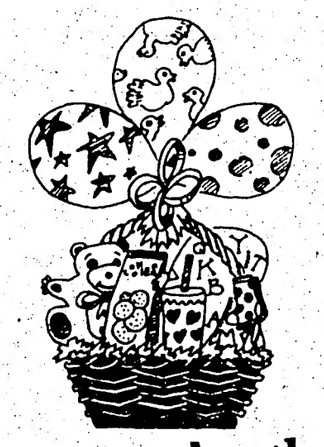

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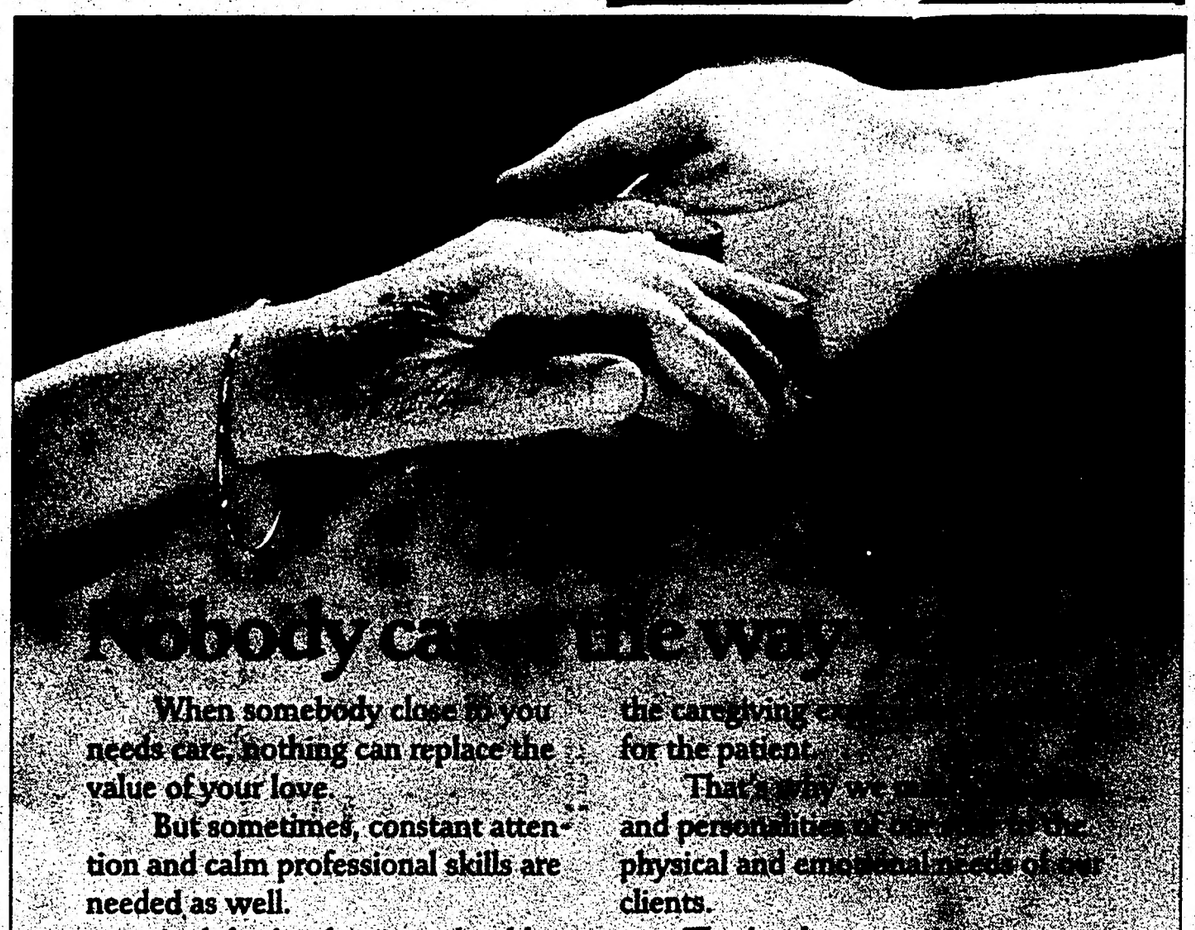

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Federation garners awards at 61st General Assembly

Allan Reitzes (left), the newly appointed executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, and Jack Chisvin (centre), federation president, were on hand to pick up a menorah at the General Assembly. [Robert A. Cummins photo]

NEW YORK —

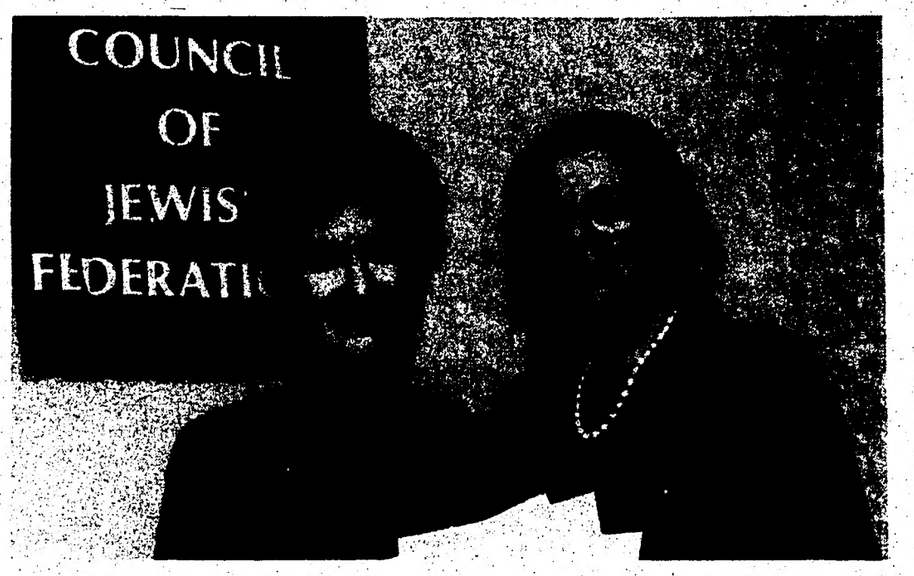
The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto has received three awards, including a gold for Excellence in Public Relations, in the Council of Jewish Federations 1992 Public Relations Awards competition. The awards were presented recently during the 61st General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) in New York City.

Members of the committee judged all entries in nine different categories, including newspapers, newsletters, newspaper advertising, invitations, special brochures, campaign brochures, annual reports, worker training kits and posters. Gold, silver and bronze awards were bestowed upon the most exceptional material in each category.

Toronto received a gold award for Best Worker Training Kits, a bronze award for Best Invitations and an honorary mention in the Best Newsletters category.

All of the award-winning materials were displayed during the General Assembly.

The CJF is the continental association of 189 Jewish federations, the central community organizations that serve nearly 800 localities, including Toronto.



Judy Gwartz (left), chair of human resources development for the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, recently attended the Council of Jewish Federations General Assembly in New York City where she accepted three 1992 public relations awards on behalf of the Federation. The awards were presented by Dulcie Rosenfeld of Detroit, chair of the CJF public relations awards committee. [Robert A. Cumins photo]

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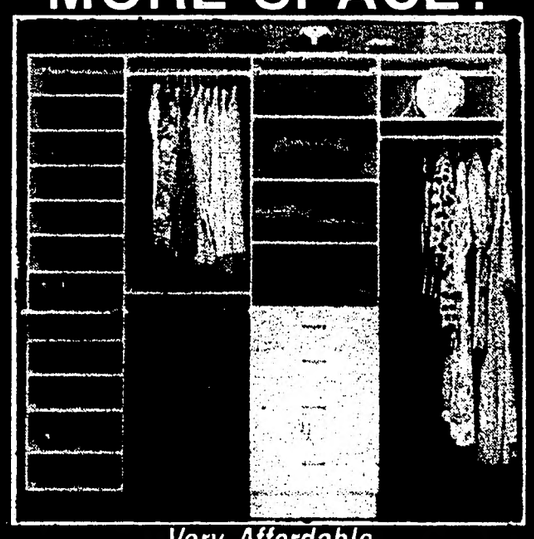

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Organizations and People

Bermans honored at Aish HaTorah World Centre

JERUSALEM —

More than 3,500 people were on hand recently to honor Joe and Helen Berman of Toronto who dedicated a Torah to the new Aish HaTorah World Centre.

The Torah was initially dedicated by the Toronto community to the Bermans who in turn donated the Holy Scroll to the Aish HaTorah World Centre last May at a gathering in Toronto. The Hachnasas Sefer Torah (Sefer Torah celebration) which took place last month in the Old City was to celebrate the arrival of the sefer Torah to its new home in Jerusalem.

Students and supporters of Aish HaTorah attended the event, including noted guests Rabbi Linchner, founder of Boys Town Jerusalem, Bernard Hochstein, president of Aish HaTorah, Israel as well as Aish HaTorah's very own dean, Rabbi Noah Weinberg, and Rabbi Shalom Schwartz, director of the Russian Discovery Program.

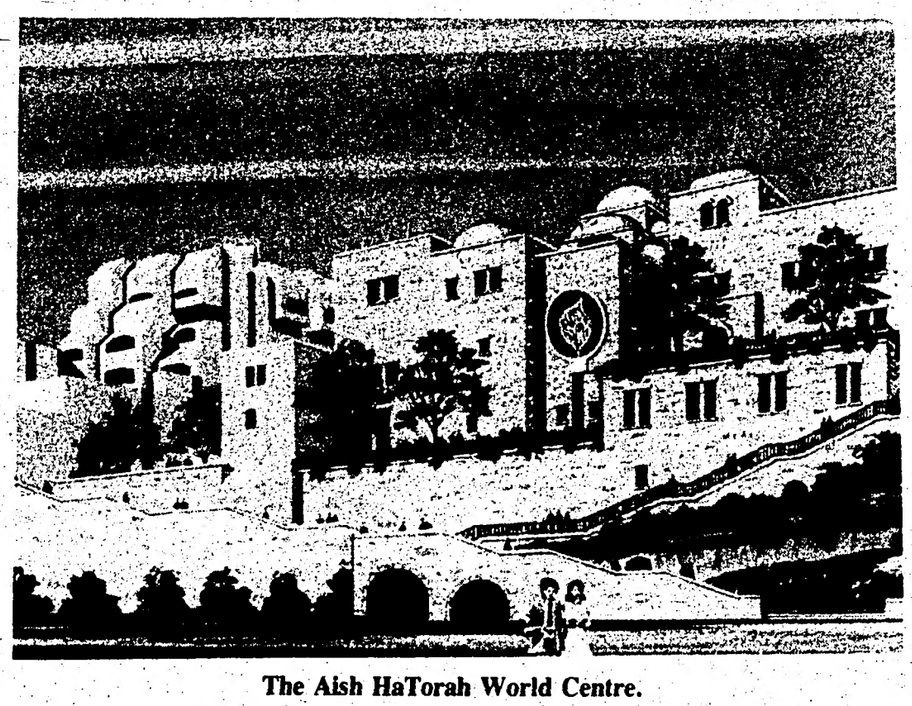
After a gourmet dinner which included some of Mrs. Berman's favorite recipes, 3,500 people escorted the Torah, shielded by a chupah (wedding canopy), down to the Western Wall.

"Jerusalem is the heart of the Jewish People," said Joe Berman at the evening's event. "The Torah is the soul of the Jewish people. It is an amazing experience when both elements come together in celebration."

Soul of people

In traditional manner, 50 children carrying flaming torches waited eagerly to herald the approach of the sefer Torah. "It was awe-inspiring to watch as thousands of people danced the sefer Torah down to the Kotel," said international building campaign director, Boruch Rabinowitz. The Torah was ultimately led to the Ark in the study hall at Aish HaTorah's yeshivah where it will remain until the completion of Aish HaTorah's New World Centre.

Designed by renown architect, Moshe Safdie, the centre will be an architectural masterpiece. The last piece of real estate across from the Western Wall, the new centre boasts views of the Western Wall, Mount of Olives and hills of Moab. It will feature a study hall overlooking the Wall, dining hall, terraces and gardens over the Western Wall Plaza, along with classrooms and offices.



The Aish HaTorah World Centre.

Organ transplants viewed acceptable at certain times

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

TORONTO —

Organ transplants are acceptable under Jewish law; however, removing organs after an individual has been declared brain dead, but while the heart continues to beat, is unacceptable, according to Rabbi J. David Bleich, Tenzer professor of Jewish Law and Ethics at Yeshiva University in New York.

Rabbi Bleich told the 300 people attending the second annual Dr. Joseph Weil Memorial Lecture at Shaarei Shomayim synagogue that current medical standards are incompatible with the halachic criteria of death.

The lecture was sponsored by the Toronto Friends of Laniado Hospital.

In heart, lung, liver and pancreatic transplants, Rabbi Bleich explained, timing is crucial because tissue degeneration sets in when the organs stop functioning. A heart must be removed before the patient has expired if it is to be transplanted. "You cannot kill or shorten a person's life in order to save another person's life," he said.

He took exception to the clinical view that death occurs after the brain stem ceases to function. "The time of death can be determined only by cessation of cardiac activity. For the purposes of the Halachah any spontaneous activity — respiratory activity, cardiac activity or motion in any of the limbs — is an indication of life."

He pointed out that up until 1968, the time of the first heart transplant, the scientific and halachic communities agreed on the definition of death.

Defining death ethical judgment

Rabbi Bleich noted that the hypothalmus, a part of the brain stem, continues to function "in so-called brain dead people. When the hypothalmus stops working, the heart stops beating.".

He noted that a brain dead woman in Germany is sustaining a fetus, and that there have been three or four other cases of brain dead women who were able to sustain a fetus or give birth. "That gives one reason to pause and hesitate before declaring that person dead."

[The German woman, whose case aroused a storm of controversy, has since died. She was removed from life support after the fetus spontaneously aborted.]

Rabbi Bleich argued that defining death is an ethical or a religious judgment, rather than a medical decision. "It becomes a medical decision if you want a doctor to treat," he said. "Determination to treat is not a medical issue." He emphasized the significance of the purpose for which death is being defined.

As far as Judaism and the values Jews accept are concerned, he said, "values for Jews are not derived from sociological mores."

One of the world's leading rabbinic authorities in medical ethics, Rabbi Bleich is the author of nine books, including *Judaism and Healing* and the three-volume *Contemporary Halachic Problems*. He covers the subject of transplants in his recently published book, *Time of Death in Jewish Law*.

In 1988 he was a member of the National Institute of Health's Human Fetal Tissue Transplantation Research panel. He currently serves as the chair of the Jewish Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools.

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JCC coming to terms with changes in society

By DOROTHY LICHTBLAU

TORONTO —

With the recession continuing to hamper the economy and an increased rate of assimilation among the Jewish population, the Jewish Community Centre is determined to become more accessible and to develop into a place which welcomes and serves all Jews.

This theme permeated all the addresses at the recent annual meeting of the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto.

Treasurer David Perlmutter stated that the centre has to respond to the economic and social circumstances of the times. He said that the JCC's biggest problem is its deficit in the form of bank loans. Contributions from the usual agencies and benefactors have decreased and fees cannot be hiked as this will squeeze out the middle income constituency.

"We can't expect that just because certain things have been around they will always be around," said Perlmutter. Part of the JCC's belt-tightening initiatives may include cutting programs.

Alan B. Zender, president for the past three years, repeated the refrain of the evening in his outgoing remarks by asking the audience, "How will we be able to expand our services to accommodate the unaffiliated, the needy, and the disenfranchised?" He also expressed the wish that the new leaders will "move the agency forward in our goal to be home for each and every member of our community."

A highlight of the evening was the talk given by guest speaker Avraham Infeld, co-founder of the Melitz Centres for Jewish-Zionist Education in Jerusalem. Passionate and possessing a lively sense of humor, Infeld responded to the query Will Your Children Be Jewish? "Maybe," was his reply.

He emphasized that Judaism is not just a religion, but a bonding with a people who share a past and a culture. "If we cannot educate towards that sense of community there is no chance of our children remaining Jews," he said.

The entire slate for the board of directors and board of governors was approved at the meeting. The slate includes: David Perlmutter, president; Hersh Fogel, senior vice-president; and Dr. Herb Belman, Harry J. Borenstein, Helen Finder-Guttman, Bill Schwaim and Ted Winick, vice-presidents; Franklin Jacobs, treasurer; Karen Chisvin, assistant treasurer; Linda Book, secretary; Marilyn Saltzman, assistant secretary; and Paul Lindzon, honorary counsel.

The newly elected president reminded the audience about "commitment to Jewish continuity" through identification with a community and declared that during his term as president his goal for the JCC is to promote entrepreneurship, excellence, enpowerment and enlightenment.

The JCC also recognized those who have made an impact on the Toronto Jewish community. This year Fred Tittel was given the Samuel Granatstein Award for Meritorious Contribution to the JCC. The law firm of Stringer Brisbin Humphrey, represented at the meeting by partner Ted Stringer, received the Corporate Citizens Award. The first recipient of the Sam Cohen Memorial Award for Professional Impact was David Andrews who has been a driving force behind the Toronto centre since 1952.

Montreal doctor tackles Israeli health care system

By DEBBIE LIGHTSTONE

TORONTO —

For Dr. Mark Clarfield, leaving Montreal to take on a new job in Israel's health care system has been like jumping from the frying pan into the fire.

"I thought we had problems of compression of resources in Quebec, problems that Ontario is only seeing now, but all that is nothing compared to what's happening in Israel. The medical system there is in a chronic state of crisis," Clarfield told a meeting of the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Friends of Ezrath Nashim-Herzog Hospital.

The Toronto-born specialist in geriatrics, who spent the last 14 years in Montreal, made aliyah in June and is now tackling teaching, clinical work and research at the 300-bed geriatric and psychiatric facility in Jerusalem.

He presented some sobering statistics to illustrate Israel's medical crisis.

The state health care system known as Kupat Cholim, which looks after 80 percent of Israelis, has a current debt of 2.5 billion shekels, or more than one billion dollars.

Another grave issue is the over-supply of doctors. Even before the recent influx of 9,000 Russian doctors, Israel already had 13,000 physicians, which gave its population of five million the world's highest doctor-to-patient ratio.

The surplus of doctors is problematic because "people tend to compete rather than co-operate, and this is bad, especially in academic medicine, which thrives on co-operation."

Another consequence is that many young, well-trained Israeli doctors who can't find jobs at home, emigrate.

There's also the problem of so-called "black medicine," in which doctors see patients privately, for a fee, outside the state system. In recent years this has become legal, up to a point, yet, said Clarfield, "there shouldn't be a two-tier system where those who can afford it can see a specialist of their choice quickly, while others have to wait in the queue in public clinics."

Clarfield noted the huge strain put on the already overburdened medical system by the recent waves of Russian and Ethiopian immigration, which swelled Israel's population by 10 percent in just 18 months.

That immigration of families with young children is one of the reasons Israel has the youngest Jewish population in the world, he pointed out. Only nine percent of Israelis are over age 65, compared to 11 percent in Canada's Jewish community, 17 percent in Toronto's and a whopping 25 percent of elderly in Montreal's Jewish population.

Country's resources strained

At the same time, the number of what Clarfield called "the old old" — people over 80 — is rising very rapidly in Israel. These elderly require the most services and put additional strain on the country's limited resources.

Four months in Israel have already taught Clarfield the importance of a sense of humor in adapting to a new country, language and culture.

He joked that he is learning to live without yellow sticky pads, an expensive luxury in Israel, where many physical facilities are "threadbare: the staff can only do so much with poured concrete walls, tile floors and Salvation Army-style used furniture."

He said he's enjoying the challenge of his new job, and remains optimistic.

If Israel were his patient, he concluded wryly, he would describe its current condition as "stable, with a good chance of improvement — despite all the complications."

Anyone wishing more information about the Canadian Friends of Ezrath Nashin-Herzog Hospital may contact coordinator Janice Segal, tel. 446-1515.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th

10:30 am
HEDY & DEVORA E. FLEISCHMANN, co-authors of **Bittersweet Beginnings,** will speak on **"The Art of Creating Mother-Daughter Relationships."** Sponsored by Beth Avraham Yoseph Sisterhood. FREE

11:30 am
A. ALAN BOROVOY author of **Uncivil Obedience** speaking on **"Liberal Values and Jewish Interests: The Recent Record"** Sponsored by Label Basman Memorial Scholarship Fund. FREE

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Launch of **PARCHMENT,** Canada's new national Journal of Creative Jewish Writing. FREE

8:00 pm
RAUL HILBERG, author of **Perpetrators, Victims, Bystanders: The Jewish Catastrophe 1933 - 1945,** will speak on **"The Politics of Holocaust Memory."** Sponsored by the Holocaust Remembrance Committee and the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem. $6.00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7th

10:30 am
MONTY ROBINS, author of **The Manuscript of Joe Smithwitz,** will speak on **"Three Pillars of Society: Sex, Money, Power"** Sponsored by Shaarei Tefilah Congregation. FREE

1:30 pm
BETTY CARR, author of **Everyday Enlightened Eating,** will speak on **"Low Calorie, Fast and Easy Cooking with Reduced Fats, Salt and Sugar"** Sponsored by Senior Adult Services, Jewish Community Centre of Toronto. FREE

8:00 pm
RUTH WISSE, author of **If I Am Not For Myself** will speak on **"The Liberal Betrayal of the Jews."** Sponsored by Emunah Women of Toronto. $5.00

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8th

10:30 am
REVA NELSON, author of **Risk It! How to Overcome Fear and Make Smart Changes,** will speak on **"Positive Risk-Taking for Powerful Results"** Sponsored by Mary Cogan Women's Health Club and the JCC. FREE

1:30 pm
JILL SOLNICKI, author of **The Real Me Is Gonna be a Shock: A Year in the Life of a Front-Line Teacher,** will speak on **"A Jewish Teacher Faces Tough, Prejudiced Teens",** Sponsored by Parents Association - Associated Hebrew Schools, Leo Baeck Parents' Association and Parents' Association, U.S.D.S. FREE

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8:00 pm
RABBI JOSEPH TELUSHKIN, author of **Jewish Humor,** will speak on **"What the Best Jewish Jokes Say About the Jewish People"** Sponsored by Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Toronto and the Institute for Jewish Learning, Jewish Community Centre of Toronto. $5.00

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10th

10:30 am
ANDREA SUGAR and ANNA ZUCKERMAN, co-editors of Voices: **Jewish Teens in the 90's,** will speak on **"A Look at Personal and Jewish Identity Through the Eyes of Toronto Teenagers"** Sponsored by Friends of CHAT - Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto. FREE

1:30 pm
LILIAN GREEN, author of **Ordinary Wonders: Living Recovery from Sexual Abuse,** will speak on **"The Jewish Experience of Healing from Abuse in the Home"** Sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, and Jewish Family and Child Service. FREE

8:00 pm
GERALD TULCHINSKY, author of **Taking Root - Origins of the Canadian Jewish Community,** will speak on **"The Development of Jewish Civil and Political Rights: A Canadian Struggle"** Sponsored by Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Ontario Branch, United Synagogue of America, Ontario Region, and Canadian Friends of Hebrew University. $5.00

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12th

8:00 pm
JIM LEDERMAN, author of **Battle Lines: American Media and the Intifada,** will speak on **"Do Pictures Ever Lie? : Manipulating the Media in the Middle East"** Sponsored by Toronto Women's ORT and Canada-Israel Committee. $6.00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th

10:30 am
RABBI ERWIN SCHILD, author of World Through My Window, will speak on **"The Sermon as Literary Form"** Sponsored by the Adath Israel Sisterhood and Brotherhood and Club L'Chayim. FREE

11:30 am
DAVID LEWIS STEIN, author of **Taking Power** will speak on **"A Peek Behind the Scenes: Who Really Runs Toronto."** Sponsored by Darchei Noam Congregation. FREE

1:30 pm
DOROTHY LIPOVENKO, columnist, The Globe & Mail, will speak on **"Has the Women's Movement Lost its Way?"** Sponsored by B'nai Brith Women's Council of Toronto and Business & Professional Women's Network, UJA. FREE

2:30 pm
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4:30 pm
Roundtable Discussion with ALAN DAVIES, editor of **Anti-Semitism in Canada, - History and Interpretation,** and MICHAEL BROWN, MANUEL PRUTSCHI, STEPHEN SPEISMAN and HAROLD TROPER. Reception sponsored by Wilfred Laurier University Press. FREE

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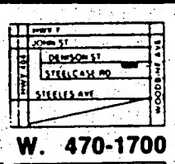

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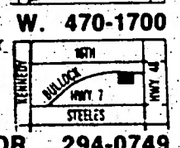

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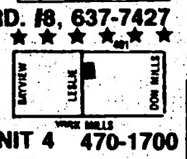

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Owner Lone Curran says that the promise behind the new store is that you can get everything for your home under one roof, in other words, a one-stop shop. "We carry home furnishings and a wide selection of prints, mirrors, lamps, brasswear and planters for our floral arrangements which we do free of charge as long as the flowers are purchased here. The store has a large floral area with a wide variety of dried flowers, silk dried, silk and artificial plants and greenery. We have ready-made arrangements available, howver a large volume of our floral arrangements are custom ordered.

Those who wish to decorate their home or merely add that finishing touch just need to drop into the store for some free advice. "We also provide personal consultation at the client's home. In this way we can better advise clients on selections made in respect to furniture, window treatments, wallpaper, paint color or accessories. There is a small fee for this initial visit and further consults are arranged by appointment at the store at no cost to the client.

Discount Interior Design Warehouse is situated off the beaten path, which enables them to pass on better savings to their customers. The 5,000 square foot store has a showroom furnished with samples of the furniture lines and accessories they carry. The warehouse setup allows customers to browse at leisure through the aisles of selections. "Our policy is, if we don't have it, we will try and get it. Our catalogue shopping enables customers to select what they want rather than what is readily available. This approach offers substantial savings to the consumer.

"Our design area has a wide selection of fabric and wallpaper books. We provide drapery and upholstery services and carry an extensive line of Shade-O-Matic window coverings which are hot, hot, hot."

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The stores carry such lines as sportswear, party wear, casual wear and a newly introduced cruise-line so women can satisfy most of their clothing needs at the store. Stock changes constantly so they can always find something new if they keep coming back.

Up-to-the-minute fashions such as designer jackets paired with stirrup pants or printed and solid blouses matched with skirts in a variety of fabrications are great for many less-than-formal occasions.

For an even more casual occasion, jeans and stirrup pants in regular or stretchy fabrics are topped by a large variety of sweaters and blouses.

Party wear includes dresses in various lengths and styles and for cruise wear the stores are showing shorts, tee-shirts and other light weather clothing.

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While other jewellers are having a hard time surviving in this day and age, some jewellers are still thriving.

One such case is Classic Creations Jewellers, at the corner of Cummer Ave. and Yonge Street, in the Newtonbrook Plaza. Owners, brothers Sam and Ami Frieberg, now entering their ninth year of business, have turned their quiet neighborhood store into one of today's busiest trend setting jewellers.

When you first enter the store, you're immediately taken by the bright surroundings, large variety of jewellery, and friendly knowledgeable staff. One of the friendly faces you'll always find ready to help you find that special something is Ami's wife Shari Lynne.

"We carry a beautiful variety of merchandise in all price ranges to help meet everybody's pocketbook, so that when you're looking for that perfect gift, we'll be sure to have it."

To ensure they keep their promise that you'll always find the right item at the right price, the brothers are constantly searching the world to find the latest in style and fashion at the best possible price.

They carry an extensive line of jewellery, from the latest in earrings to bracelets to chains to rings. As well as a large variety of watches, such as Raymond Weil, Movado, Concord, Tag Heuer, Longines-Wittnauer, Bulova, Pierre Laurent, Seiko, Citizen and Swatch.

One of Sam's strict philosophies is his belief that buying the right item at the best possible price is the key to any successful business. "It's most important that you buy well so that you can pass the saving onto your clients."

A large portion of Classic Creations' business is diamond engagement rings. Owner Ami Freiberg attributes their large volume of engagement ring sales on the particular care and effort they put in to buying every single diamond.

"We take special care in making sure we offer our clients exactly what they are looking for at the lowest possible price, to ensure that once our customers make their first purchase they will continue to return for all their jewellery needs."

Prominently displayed is their work area where their skilled jewellers and diamond setters perform their trade. They specialize in all types of custom design work as well as ordinary jewellery and watch repairs. As well, expert jewellery appraisals are done right on the premises.

Classic Creations Jewellers is located at 5815 Yonge Street, in Willowdale, and have a second location at 16555 Yonge St. in Newmarket. Once you visit one of their stores, you'll keep coming back.

Fairland fashions

The *Toronto Star, Toronto Life's 1993 Where To Get Stuff Cheap Guide, Today's Parent* and *Kids Toronto* all agree that Fairland, the largest children's clothing store in Toronto, offering discounts of 20 to 60 percent on top quality Canadian, American and European brand-name kids' togs, gives the best value in the city.

Owner Marty Zimmerman carries the brand names fashion-conscious kids favor, including Osh Kosh, Krickets, Good Lad, Baby's Own, Esprit, Vuarnet, Tickle Me, Dr. Denton, Robin, Sugar Kaine, Gusti, Alfred Sung, Manhattan Private Members, Starter, Nike and Cache-Cache. Priced by Fairland for parents looking for value for their money, the top-of-the-line clothing made by these manufacturers is widely known for its durability and comfort.

Zimmerman continually updates his merchandise, so he guarantees a large selection to his customers year-round. Just in kids cruisewear, which is usually hard to find out of season, Fairland has shorts, T-shirts, lightweight slacks, sundresses, bathing suits, just about everything children need for a winter holiday down south.

Fairland dresses children from the inside out. It sells girls' and boys' underwear and socks, along with everything else kids need in their wardrobes. For girls, there are dresses and legging sets and, for boys, there are suits and tracksuits. The store also stocks accessories, among them the ever-popular 90210 knapsacks that are taking the younger set by storm.

For girls, newborn up to size 16, Fairland offers dresses with lacey necklines, floral prints decorated with bows, embroidery and trim, pleated skirts and dress coats. Girls' casual wear includes Beauty and the Beast, Little Mermaid or Barbie legging sets, dresses and jogging suits, as well as easy to wear and easy to care for Krickets casuals in denim, cordoroy and basic cotton.

Fairland has a vast selection of stylish suits for boys. As a specialty, the store caters to husky boys, up to size 20, at hard-to-beat prices.

Zimmerman also caters to the many boys who want licenced sportswear. "Whether it's a cap, T-shirt, sweatshirt or jacket, if it says Nike, Starter. Brooks, Chip & Pepper, the Chicago Bulls or the Blue Jays, it's really a hot item," he says. And Zimmerman carries them all.

He added that since the release of the second Batman movie, the boys want his Batman tracksuits, shirts and pyjamas.

Fairland, located at 241 Augusta Ave. near Spadina, in the heart of Kensington Market, is a store with history, a Jewish history. It started out in 1918 as the Anshei Lida, a synagogue for Toronto's Lithuanian Jews. Sold 40 years later, the shul was converted into a furniture store, then a grocery store and finally to Fairland.

As Zimmerman says, a trip to Fairland is like revisiting the old neighborhood.

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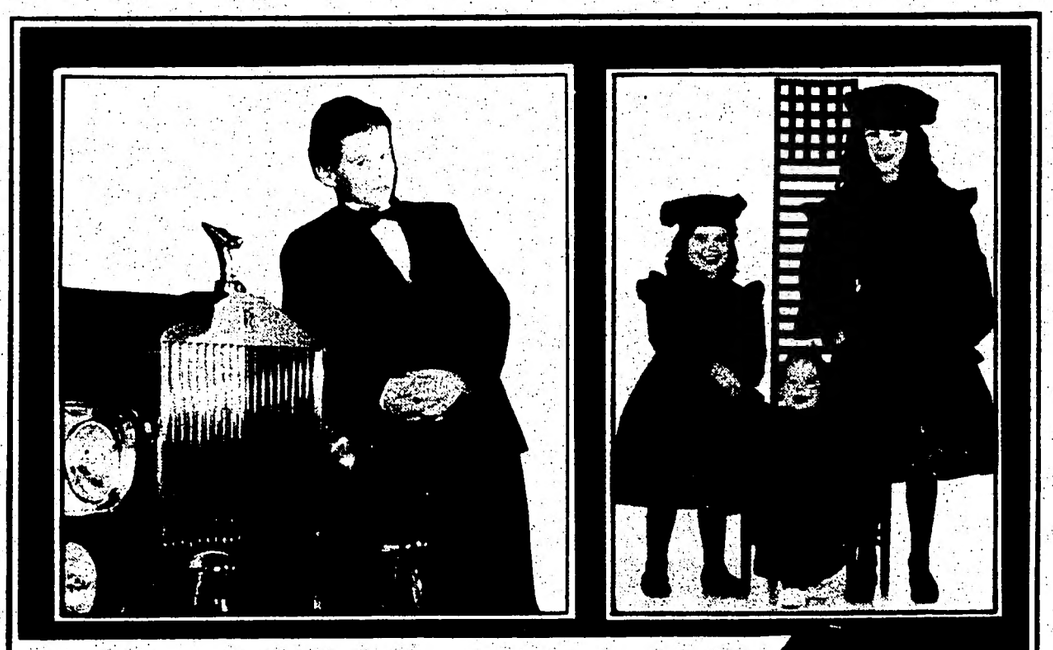

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Owner Betty Kestenberg offers top quality, up-to-the-minute fashion — daywear playwear and evening wear — at discount prices, and provides friendly, personalized service.

She carries wedding dresses — in contemporary and traditional styling — and bridesmaids' dresses among her plentiful, stylish merchandise from Paris, New York and California. Women who buy their wedding dresses from her return regularly, sometimes with children in tow, when they need a new outfit.

Kestenberg stocks a large selection of evening wear for women, including suits. Many of the dresses and suits, both in black or in brights, come decorated with beadwork designs or colorful sequins. She has a stunning outfit in red, blue or aqua, consisting of a full skirt and a matching sequined long-sleeved top. As well, she carries a sexy sequined sheath with spaghetti straps.

For the office she offers a full range of suits, skirts, slacks, sweaters and blouses. The shop currently offers wool blazers at specially discounted prices.

As a speciality, Kestenberg caters to pre-teens.

Any one of the many dazzling prom dresses in stock would help a girl feel chic and attractive — at junior high graduations or high school proms — or, in fact, at any simcha.

The store carries gorgeous jacquards, great for pre-teens, in white or pale apricot, the necklines trimmed with lace.

Satiny purple, blue and green mini-dresses with spaghetti straps and a drop waist would appeal to the teenager. For the girl who wants a more elegant look, she has a mini-dress with a black velvet top, spaghetti straps and a sparkling frothy black skirt.

Cruisewear Always

As far as cruisewear goes, it is the jumpsuit for Betty Kestenberg. She has 100 percent cotton jumpsuits in purple, aqua and red. The top of the aqua jumpsuit comes studded with clear glass stones, while the red suit is decorated with appliqued butterflies and colorful glass stones.

Right now her hottest item is a cotton sweater that comes in black or white. Kestenberg or one of her dedicated staff will inscribe the wearer's initials in gold on the sweater's patch pocket. Available at the Mirage Hotel in Las Vegas of New York's Madison Ave. for $250, they are sold by her for $165 (magnificent looking!).

Kestenberg travels to New York, Los Angeles and Europe to find all these fabulous high styles, which she sells at discount prices.

Good luck, Betty Kestenberg! You sure know how to buy!

Store hours are: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays; noon to 4 p.m. Sundays.

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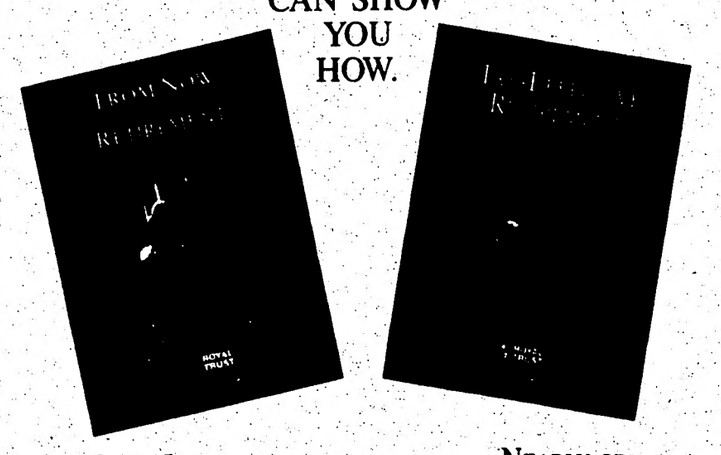
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Organizations and People

'Honest Ed' keeps Sefer Torah close to his heart

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A Sefer Torah from Iraq occupies a place of honor in Ed Mirvish's office.

The first time "Honest Ed" saw the 150-year-old scroll, it was opened at the very portion where he said maftir at his bar mitzvah in the Cecil Street Synagogue in July, 1927.

"That did it, I decided to buy it."

So now the unusual scroll, in its cylindrical silver case, from one of the oldest Jewish communities in the world, stands upright on a tabletop amidst momentoes of Ed Mirvish's career.

"My parents couldn't afford to leave our Dundas Street fruit store to come to my bar mitzvah," he recalled. "A few people threw nuts at me and that was it."

He was prepared for his bar mitzvah by the late Rabbi Dinkin who ran a cheder for 40 children above the Mirvish store. "Rabbi Dinkin was in Baycrest and when he was 95 I took him to see a performance of *The Odd Couple* playing at the Royal Alex."

"Honest Ed" bought the Iraqi Sefer Torah, and a second one he donated to the Royal Ontario Museum from Rabbi Abraham Kubayov of Toronto, a mohel and teacher, whose visits to faraway lands, including Iraq, enabled him to come into possession of the sacred scrolls.

"The one in Mirvish's office is very special because none of the rimonim, the four pieces at the top, are missing," Rabbi Kubayov said. "But the one donated to the museum is not 'kosher' because when it was being brought out of Iraq across the border it was dropped in the water, and water stains on the parchment have made it unusable in a synagogue service."

Rabbi Kubayov said the one Mirvish has in his office dates back to the 19th century and comes from the south of Iraq.

It has a wooden case, and an ornate dome, with a silver overlay, badly tarnished by time, but the letters on the parchment stand out bold and clear. According to Mirvish, the parchment alone is worth $20,000.

Asked by *The CJN* if he intended to donate his sefer Torah to a synagogue, Mirvish said: "In time, everything in this collection will go to suitable places. I'm only the temporary custodian."

He pointed to a sculpture by Salvador Dali of the western wall in Jerusalem, which was sitting on another table in his office, as an example of an object which will eventually find a place in a museum.

Mirvish recalled the days when he was growing up on Dundas Street. "We had three barber shops across from our fruit store and they were all bookie joints. One day I went over for a haircut and all of a sudden the barber grabbed me and threw me into a chair and wrapped a barber's apron around me. I said, 'But I'm not next,' and just then a detective rushed through the shop heading for the back to find betting slips."

The Torah and its Sephardi case donated to the Royal Ontario Museum by Mirvish is the only one the museum has in its Judaica collection, said Lisa Golombek, curator in the West Asian department. It's in the Levant gallery on the third floor. Golombek said she believes it is the oldest Torah in a Canadian public institution, and the ROM is the first in Canada to possess a case from an Iraqi congregation. It is a significant addition to the museum's collection, she said.

Professor Eleazar Birnbaum of the University of Toronto said the scroll was probably written in a provincial area of Iraq, perhaps Kurdistan, in the 17th or 18th century.

Ed Mirvish and his Sefer Torah. — Copyright, Globe and Mail

Appeal

TORONTO —

An appeal to restore and maintain the Jewish cemeteries in Vienna has been directed to former Jewish residents of that city.

A committee in Vienna has undertaken to do volunteer work in the restoration and maintenance but needs funds to buy tools and pay skilled workers.

"We would like to appeal to the descendants of those former Jewish citizens of Vienna, who now live somewhere in the world, and to request them to contribute their part to the maintenance of the tombs of their ancestors, according to our cultural habit," said a statement from Walter Pagler, committee chairman.

Further information is available from Dr. Marcel Back, 604 Union Road, Spring Valley, N.Y. 10977, a former Vienna resident.

BBYO, NAHON dance to aid Syrian Jewry

TORONTO —

On Dec. 6, the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) and the North American High School Organization Network (NAHON) will co-sponsor a dance to raise funds for Syrian Jewry.

The dance, to be held in the gym of the Jewish Community Centre — North branch, is open to all high school students and will begin at 8 p.m. and end at midnight. The youth will dance surrounded by a huge video and light show from Universal Sound.

Event co-chairs Daniella Robicsek (chair, Oppressed Jewry task force — NAHON) and May Dalume (president, Toronto Council — B'nai B'rith Girls) along with their committees picked the theme Break the Chains for the dance and have arranged for a display depicting the plight of the Syrian Jews.

Tickets are available for $6 in advance or $8 at the door. More information and tickets can be obtained by calling Dave Altshuller at 635-9411 or by dropping by the B'nai B'rith Youth office in Room 213 at the JCC.

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Yiddish volumes to be preserved

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The entire collection of the Yiddish Book Centre at Amherst, Massachusetts, is to be moved into a climate-controlled storage space in what was a strategic arms base in a nearby hollowed-out mountain.

Not only will this preserve the precious old Yiddish volumes, but Aaron Lansky, the centre's director, had another possible benefit to relate recently to a delighted audience of 400 at Holy Blossom Temple:

"When the outriders of a future civilization are combing through the mountain a million years from now they'll believe that the whole world spoke Yiddish!"

Lansky said preservation of the books he has been collecting for 13 years is a serious problem because of their age and the tendency of the pulp paper pages to become acidified.

Under a "dramatic" change of policy, the centre is now directing its efforts to integrate Yiddish and Yiddish literature into the mainstream of Jewish education, Lansky said. To persistent questions about whether there is a chance for a genuine Yiddish language revival, he said his answer is, "it is not too late, all is not lost." But he said he has no illusions about the difficulty of attracting young people to it.

His topic was the 75th anniversary of the death of Mendele Moykher Sforim [born Shalom Jacob Abramowitz], the grandfather of Yiddish literature, but he ranged over the whole question of the development of Yiddish, its position vis-a-vis Hebrew, and why it appealed to the Jewish masses.

He said Yiddish was an "outsider's language" and often incorporated words from other tongues with a reverse meaning. For example: the Yiddish word yenta meaning a woman who gossips, derives from the French word for gentility.

To illustrate how diverse in origin Yiddish is, he quoted the sentence, "Bubba est cholent uf Shabbas." Bubba (grandmother) comes from the Slavic language, est(eat) from middle German, cholent(a dish cooked before Shabbas begins] is from French and Shabbas from Hebrew.

Sforim [1836-1917] lived to see the flowering of Yiddish literature and in his lifetime more Yiddish books were published than in all previous time. Using an analogy with English literature, Lansky said it was as if Chaucer and Norman Mailer were both writing in Mendele's lifetime.

Born in White Russia (a Litvak) Mendele first wrote in Hebrew but he and his colleagues soon learned in the 1840s and 1850s that if they wanted to spread the lessons of the enlightenment to the Jews of eastern Europe they had to do it in Yiddish.

Though on the surface he made light of the language as a "series of grunts and groans," Lansky said Mendele poked fun at his characters in a way that brought him down on their side.

He was an author who delighted in using the "dialectical dualism" of Yiddish to coin utterances such as "rise up, obey the Emperor!"

Mendele loved nature, was fascinated by science (particularly hot air balloons) and translated the works of Jules Verne. Lansky contended that Mendele was ahead of Marshall McLuhan in recognizing that "the medium is the message." For instance, he said Mendele declared: "You want to write in Yiddish? It will rub off on you."

Others taking part in the program were Gerry Kane, Bella Sanderson, Morris Cooper and David Sandler, representing the sponsoring groups, Committee for Yiddish, Friends of Yiddish and the Holy Blossom Continuing Education Committee.

Harduf releases new dictionary

TORONTO —

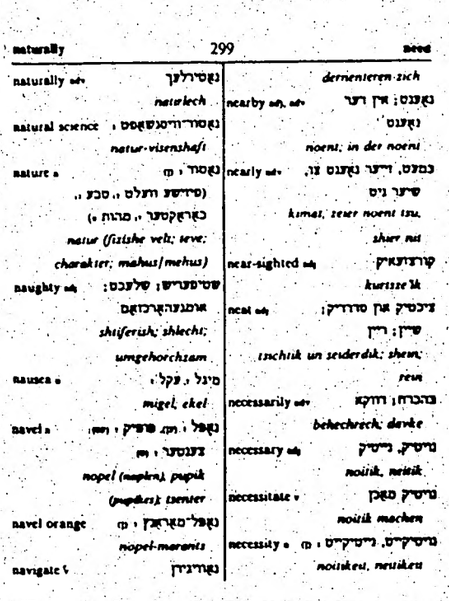
It may seem like gilding the lily, but Toronto lexicographer David Mendel Harduf has brought out a fourth volume of his English-Yiddish, Yiddish-English dictionary. In this one, all the Yiddish words are arranged according to the English alphabet. For example, naturally is followed by natural science, nature, naughty and nausea with their Yiddish and transliterated Yiddish definitions opposite.

This arrangement will be of great help to the reader of Anglo-Jewish literature in all its genres where Yiddish words and expressions often abound.

This volume is dedicated to the memory of Abraham Y. Finkler, a survivor and leading figure in the Jewish resistance in Poland, who settled after the war in Toronto. Finkler and his wife, Leona, contributed to the publication of this and Harduf's other literary endeavors.

Basically a Hebrew scholar, author of lexicons of biblical names and the works of the Nobel Prize winner Shmuel Yosef Agnon, Harduf discovered in his later years his love and attachment to the Yiddish language and its literature. Because of the Holocaust, he said, Yiddish has become the holy tongue of a martyred people and deserves to be preserved and cherished. Thus, his ambition became to make a lasting contribution to its preservation.

To further ease the mastery of Yiddish, Harduf began to work on the transliteration [English spelling] of all the Yiddish words contained in both sections of his pocketbook dictionary. This was a new and innovative approach in Yiddish lexicography since only words of Hebrew origin were usually transliterated. Harduf's method allowed any student of Yiddish to properly pronounce each word and thus acquire greater mastery of the language.



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naturally adv. נאַטירלעך *natirlech*

natural science נאַטור־ווישנשאַפֿט *natur-visnshafi*

nature n. נאַטור, מ (פֿיזישע וועלט, סבֿע, כאַראַקטער, מהות) *natur (fizishe welt; sevo; charakter; mahus/mehus)*

naughty adj. שלעכט; שלעכטעריש; אומגעהאָרכזאם *shlecht; shliferish; umgehorchzam*

nausea n. מיגל, עקל *migel, ekel*

navel n. נאַפּל, מ; שפּיץ, מ (אויג); בויכנטער, מ *nopel (nupkes), pupik (pupkes); tsenter*

navel orange נאַפּל־מאַראַנץ, מ *nopel-marants*

navigate v. נאַוויגירן

nearly adv. כּמעט, דייַטש נאָענט צו, שיער ניט *kimat, zeier noent tsu, shier nit*

near-sighted adj. קורצזיכטיק *kurtsze'tik*

neat adj. זויבערלעך; שיין; ריין *tsuchtik un seiderdik; shein, rein*

necessarily adv. בהכרח; דוקא *behechrech; davke*

necessary adj. נויטיק, נויטיקדיק *noitik, neitik*

necessitate v. נויטיק מאַכן *noitik machen*

necessity n. נויטיקייט, נויטיקיים, מ *noitikeit, neitikeis*

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nearby adj., adv. נאָענט; אין דער נאָענט *noent; in der noent*

Excerpt from new English-Yiddish dictionary arranged by Engish alphabet.

Harduf's transliterated dictionaries appeared in 1991 in a book size, soft cover edition of 656 pages, followed by a hard cover large edition in three volumes.

Harduf's popular soft cover Yiddish dictionaries, as well as his other works, are available in all Toronto Jewish bookstores and can be ordered from the author at Harduf Books, 11 Plum Treeway, Willowdale, Ont. M2R 3J1, 663-5467.

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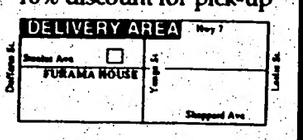

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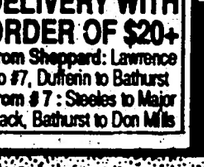
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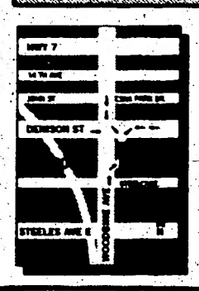
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By calling a toll-free number, OBC subscribers get instant access to the service. Operators and medical staff, fluent in most major languages, provide immediate and ongoing assistance.

Depending on the circumstances, the Medical Alarm Centre will help callers locate hospitals or medical facilities; contact those facilities to verify that subscribers are insured and that their bills will be paid directly by OBC; notify family and friends; monitor the progress of patients; co-ordinate information between local and Ontario physicians; and arrange commercial or air ambulance transportation if required.

The Medical Alarm Centre will also: contact the appropriate authorities in the event that passports are lost or stolen; refer subscribers to legal counsel; and assist in legal matters such as securing and posting bail bonds where permitted by local law utilizing funds forwarded by family members or other representatives.

"Access to the Medical Alarm Centre takes the worry out of travelling," says Peter Wilmshurst, director of individual marketing for Ontario Blue Cross. "Our subscribers have the peace of mind that comes with knowing help is just a phone call away."

The OBC Medical Alarm Centre in Florida also handles emergency assistance calls from OBC-insured subscribers travelling anywhere in the Western Hemisphere. However, more tna 70 percent of claims are incurred in Florida.

Dr. Ben Shore, vice-president of the Medical Alarm Centre and an emergency physician, explains that the system is busiest between the months of November and June. "That's when the snowbirds descend on Florida."

Shore says the Medical Alarm Centre has experienced dramatic growth over the seven years that it has been in operation. "We provide a truly valuable service," he adds. "Not only do we pay all the bills up front, but we also monitor each case from the initial call right through to treatment, discharge from the hospital or repatriation of the patient."

While about 97 percent of claims incurred in Florida are handled through Florida medical facilities, there are some cases involving long-term hospital stays where the patient can be stabilized and transferred to a hospital at home.

Last year, the Medical Alarm Centre co-ordinated in excess of 300 air ambulance flights for this purpose. The cost of air ambulance, paid for by the OBC, averages about $10,000 per flight between Florida and Ontario.

"We confirm that a hospital bed is available in Ontario, co-ordinate ground transportation at both ends, and arrange the flight," Shore notes. "We can get a plane in the air on very short notice, and we can transfer a patient from a medical facility here to an Ontario hospital within a few hours."

The "air ambulance" most commonly used are specially-equipped Lear jets — capable of transporting patients who may be on ventilators, attending medical personnel, as well as family members if necessary.

In addition, almost 100 patients were transferred home on commercial flights last year.

The most frequent claims involve serious traumas situations as well as cardiac cases. Last year, OBC insured approximately 450,000 Ontarians who were travelling or vacationing in Florida.

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Arts

Eye on Arts

The Arts and Entertainment Division of United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus presents a premiere screening of *Strictly Ballroom*, a film by Baz Luhrmann, starring Paul Mercurio and Tara Morice on Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.

Strictly Ballroom is a contemporary Cinderella story that celebrates life, love and happy endings. Set in the flamboyant world of ballroom dancing, the film tells the story of Scott Hastings, a rebellious young dancer who defies the establishment by refusing to perform the Dance Federation's old-fashioned steps. His fight to dance his way, culminating in an innovative, sizzling Latin routine at Australia's most important dance competition, wins him the admiration of the audience and the love of Fran, his new partner on and off the dance floor.

The screening will be held at The Film House, 424 Adelaide St. E.

To attend, call Lydia English at 635-2883, ext. 172.

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A gala artistic recital by Hermina Petrescu, who performs, sings and interprets songs in 15 languages, including Hebrew and Yiddish, will take place on Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. at the Royal Conservatory of Music, 273 Bloor St. W.

Petrescu has recently returned from a national tour of the United States and abroad.

Hilarious Falsettos tops '92 theatre season

By GERRY MORRIS

NEW YORK —

Falsettos is one of the highpoints of the 1992 Broadway season. This is not a typical mainstream piece of musical theatre. It is unconventional, courageous, and hilarious. It is a powerful piece of work, with a brilliant Tony Award winning score (words and music) by William Finn, all briskly assembled by director James Lapine, who displays an understanding of humanity for its off beat social content.

Falsettos tackles some very tough issues, through the crisis-ridden life of Marvin (Michael Rupert), a New York Jewish yuppie who leaves his wife Trina (Barbara Walsh) and a precocious young son Jason, to live with his male lover Whizzer (Stephen Bogardus). Beleaguered Trina confesses despair in a show-stopping act anthem, *I'm Breaking Down*, then turns for help to a psychiatrist named Mendel (Chip Zren), and ends up leaving Marvin to marry him.

The situation is complicated by Marvin's desire to keep his family intact. *I Want It All*, sings Marvin in Act I, as he tries vainly to work things out through psychotherapy and mutual tolerance.

In the second act (1981) the struggling Jason is bar mitzvahed, and Marvin, who wanted it all, is now left alone when Whizzer contracts AIDS. In the heartbreaking finale Marvin sings to a dead Whizzer, "What would I do/If I had not met you?".

The consequences of this dysfunctional set of circumstances provide the substance of a musical that stretches over a two-year period (1979-1981). You would think that this material, which pulls no punches, would leave you despondent. On the contrary. What happens over the intermissionless two hours has an enormous spirit of humor and heart-rending generosity. It is possible certain theatregoers my be turned off by its downbeat turns, and if so, will be doing themselves — and the show — an enormous injustice.

Musically, *Falsettos* can be termed a pop with virtually no spoken dialogue. Practically every line rhymes, and is sung in Michael Starabis' skillful orchestration of William Finn's 36 musical numbers.

Michael Rupert as Marvin gives a performance that vibrates with truth and emotion, and Stephen Bogardus is touching as his lover doomed by the mysterious virus. Barbara Walsh is immensely likeable as Marvin's dispirited former wife Trina. Confused by his family's shifting loyalties, Jonathan Kaplan plays Jason to perfection.

Falsettos is a strange mix of funny and sad moments, but ultimately it is an uplifting evening of original and exhilarating theatre. In my estimation it is the most underrated new musical now playing in New York.

Appearing for an indefinite run at Golden Theatre, 252 West 45th St. For tickets call Tele-Charge (212) 239-6200.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Anti-Semitism serious threat

Gray Dawn by Charles Hoffman (Harper Collins, $33.50)

With the sudden crumbling of European communism it is now possible to assess the recent historical experience as well as the prospects of the Jewish communities in Poland, East Germany, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Romania.

Charles Hoffman is a Texas-born journalist who now lives in Jerusalem. He has travelled extensively in Eastern Europe and possesses a keen historical eye and the necessary curiosity of the investigative reporter. When he visited the diverse communities in 1989, he found them suspended precariously between past and future, between "old nightmares and new dreams."

He is convinced that Hungary (80,000 Jews) is the only place in Eastern Europe where the population is large enough to enjoy a renewal of Jewish life that would include schools, synagogues, cultural associations and a rabbinical seminary. There is a long and torturous road, however, between possibility and actuality. As long as assimilation remains a viable option, and as long as there is an outlet for Jewish talents and creative energies in Hungary's political, cultural and economic life, the future remains uncertain.

In Prague and Warsaw, tiny groups of Jews are likely to form a nucleus of what might be called "caretaker communities." "A sort of non-sectarian Jewish culture will eventually displace the remnants of communal life that now centre on the synagogue and in the old Yiddish clubs," he writes.

In Bucharest and Sofia, the present and near future will be dominated by the steady depletion of the younger generation through aliyah to Israel. In Romania, this trend was firmly established years ago, and has not been changed by the overthrow of communism.

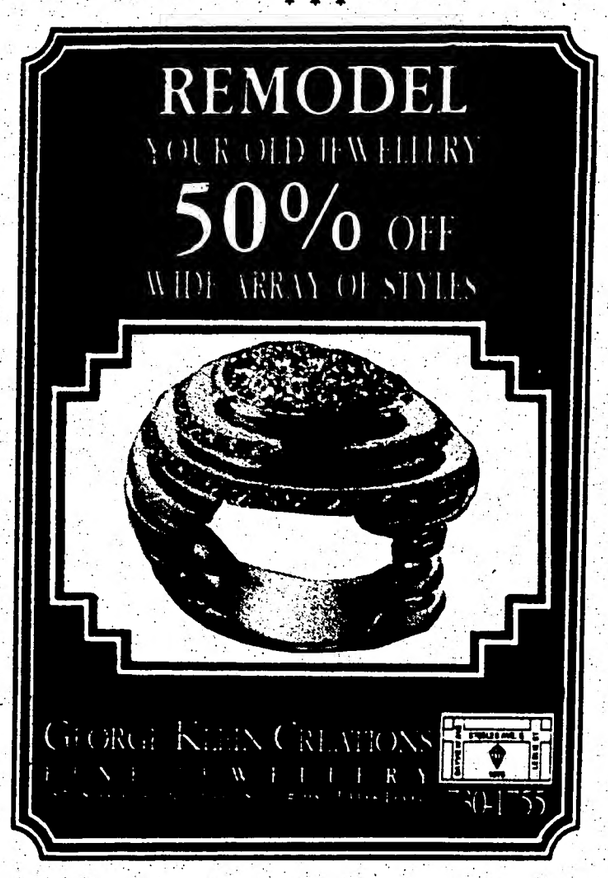
The reappearance of anti-Semitism in Eastern Europe today should really come as no surprise. Popular anti-Jewish sentiments were only suppressed — never eliminated — by communist rule.

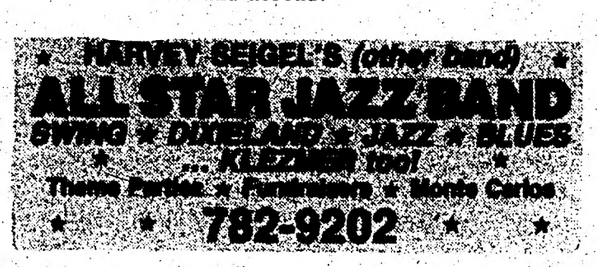
The author is certain that it can become a serious threat to Jews, and for the fledgling democracies in which they live, if anti-Semitism is transformed into a platform for mass political action carried out by mainstream organizations — as it was during the interwar period. This threshold has yet to be crossed in Eastern Europe's current political revolution.

Right-wing extremists, however, operating out of the political gutter are spewing forth a stream of hatred towards Jews and other ethnic groups. "But as fearsome as these extremists may be, they do not in themselves constitute a mortal threat to democracy or to the Jews. Nor do the occasional Jew-baiting politicians who belong to 'respectable' parties, as distasteful as they may be."

Hoffman asserts that in the new Europe struggling to emerge in the former satellite countries, the natural allies of Jews and other minorities are the intellectuals, public figures, politicians and clergymen found today in the broad centre of the political spectrum. "They are beginning to understand that how their countries handle their 'Jewish question' — especially now, with only small numbers of Jews left — serve as a litmus test for the strength and viability of their democracies."

The author is hopeful, but hardly convinced, that young Jews will continue to identify with their past, despite the unhappy memories of yesterday. They turn to the future with mingled feelings of trepidation and resolve.

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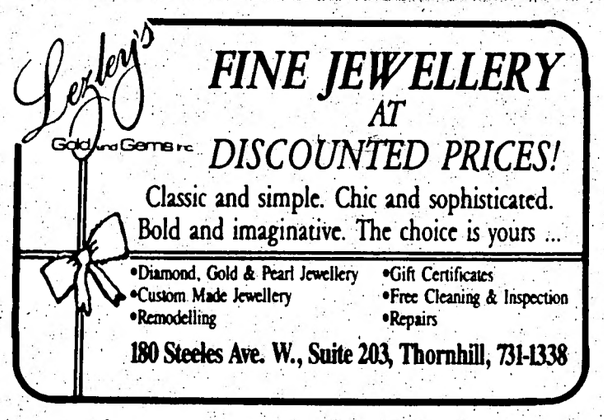

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American teen's talents shine at NCSY's annual concert

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

A new star is on the horizon of the Jewish music scene — Yehuda, a 17-year-old yeshiva student from Cleveland, currently working on his second tape.

Judging from the reception he got at his appearance at the National Conference of Synagogue Youth's 14th annual concert, that star is rising.

The concert, held at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation in Thornhill, was also intended to honor Rabbi Nosson and Sara Westreich, the past leaders of NCSY in Toronto. Rabbi Westreich, also noted for his work with Jewish youngsters in what used to be the Soviet Union, is now attending medical school in Hamilton.

Although Yehuda has some awkwardness in his routine, his surprisingly strong (for his age) and beautiful voice, not to mention charismatic personality, had all ages in the audience singing, dancing and swaying to his music.

Especially appealing was his *Music for the Rebbe*, a song in English bringing back memories of his ancestors who were musicians to the rabbinical courts of Viznitz.

The one complaint was that the backup musicians, from the Zemer and Yachad bands, played so loudly that the audience frequently had to strain to hear the singer — something which has no business happening in a professionally-run concert.

Lead act was Martin Davidson, now from Israel, and his band Yachad, made up of new immigrants from the United States, Russia and Australia, on their first North American tour.

From *Hinei Ma Tov* performed to a military beat to a jazzed up version of *SheYebonai Bais Hamikdash* to a medley of Jewish songs set to '60s rock songs (*La Bamba* became *Shake your Lulav*; the Beatles' *Hey Jude* turned into *Hey you*) he had the crowd rocking right along with him.

Particularly nice was a song set to the *We are the world* famine relief tune, the chorus going "We heard the word, we are G-d's children/We are the ones who take a Saturday/And make it holy..."

Rabbi Mordechai Smolarcik, rabbinic advisor to NCSY (and executive director of BAYT) praised the organization's work on behalf of unaffiliated Jewish youth, Free Torah High, Yachad (a group within NCSY for developmentally challenged teenagers) and for the scholarship program that enabled many youngsters who could not afford it to study in yeshivas.

In a moving tribute to the Westreichs, several young men and women, all carrying candles, marched on stage, each representing people who had been or were now studying at various yeshivahs thanks to the Westreichs.

Speaking on behalf of the women, Veronica Rossman, who has just returned from studying in Israel, noted the talmudic injunction to choose a teacher, find a friend and study Torah.

"In knowing the Westreichs, we have done all those things," she said.

Sid Levy, also just returned from Israel, noted on behalf of the men, how the Westreichs had "helped us deal with secular society while coming to terms with our Judaism."

Sara Westreich, responding, said that "there is no greater organization in the world" than NCSY, and that she missed sharing the experiences that her successors were now having.

Rabbi Westreich said that he had "all good memories" from his years with NCSY.

They were presented with a gift by NCSY national chair David Woolf, with Rabbi Pinchas Stolper, executive vice-president of the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations, the sponsoring body for NCSY, and Rabbi Raphael Butler, national director of NCSY in the United States looking on.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was Zale Newman.

Gaza youths hatred revealed

BY SHELDON KIRSHNER

The intensity of the intifada has dimmed, but its bitterness continues to smoulder. In the Gaza Strip, where it all began five years ago, its legacy of hatred is particularly palpable.

Do They Feel My Shadow? is a documentary which deals with a troubling dimension of the Palestinian revolt. According to the United Nations, 56 Palestinian children have died in the intifada, while thousands have been injured. In most cases, the Palestinians were killed while flinging stones at Israeli soldiers.

Do They Feel My Shadow? focuses on the Palestinian victims, but the reactions of two Israeli children on a nearby settlement are also assessed. The program, part of the *Human Edge* series, is scheduled to be broadcast on TVOntario on Dec. 8 at 10 p.m.

Let's be clear. This documentary is seen largely through the eyes of militant and embittered Palestinian youths who've repeatedly clashed with the Israeli army, and have scars to prove it.

The Palestinian boys are tough, committed, articulate, unafraid of the consequences of their actions and eager to take up arms against the Israelis. One of them is under the illusion that the Israelis are cowards.

A Palestinian psychiatrist claims that such teenagers can no longer be controlled by their parents. "Nobody can stop them," he says.

The Israeli children, a boy and a girl aged 13, are not given much air time. In any event, they are not impressive representatives of Israeli youth, being complacent and ill-informed.

The girl, Esther, believes, mistakenly, that the Palestinian boys would be murdered by their fellow Arabs if they refused to throw stones. The boy, Shmueli, is under the impression that the Palestinians' parents are behind their activities, when in fact they'd prefer them to stay at home and out of trouble.

Shmueli, an immigrant from the United States, assumes that the Palestinians of Gaza are originally from Egypt, which is a loose assumption to make, and that they should be grateful to Israel for being allowed to live in Gaza.

An Israeli army spokesman is interviewed. He says that soldiers do not intentionally fire on Arab children, and that the killing of Palestinian children is "very regrettable."

Do They Feel My Shadow? does not leave a viewer with much hope for the future. In Gaza, where there is no light at the end of the tunnel, the battlelines have been sharply drawn.

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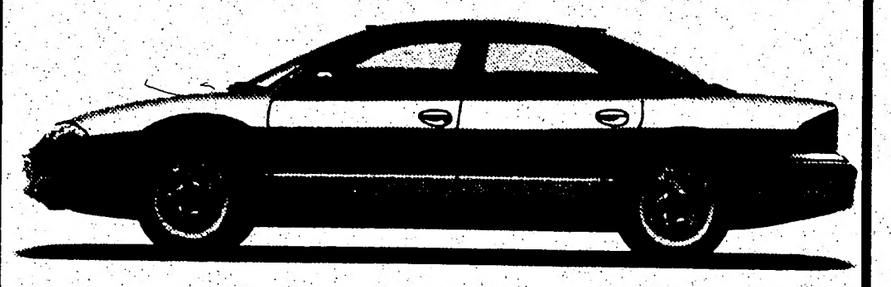
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Artist Larry Eisenstein (centre) and partners Michael Finewax (left) and Howard Fisher line up behind Eisenstein's original portrait of the championship Blue Jays. The three business buddies say lithograph copies of the picture have been selling well. [Paul Lungen photo]

Baseball gamble pays off

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

In the weeks leading up to the Blue Jay's run for the American League pennant and then the World Series, Toronto fans were biting their nails to the quick in anticipation of finally breaking through to the promised land of baseball supremacy.

But three diehard fans, who practically live and breathe baseball, had even more riding on the team.

Unlike other fans, the three had invested time, effort and emotional energy into a project that would assuredly pay off only if the Blue Jays went the distance.

The three, Larry Eisenstein, Michael Finewax and Howard Fisher, are the principals behind EFF Group, which was hoping to market a limited edition lithograph of the 1992 "championship" Blue Jays — a far easier sell than if the team had faltered in the playoffs again.

"I felt that if they [would] lose, nobody would want to look at this," said Eisenstein, who drew the picture.

Instead, they have been inundated with calls from across the country, including from a Canadian couple in London, England, all of whom want to get a copy of the 16½ inch by 24 inch lithograph.

The original artwork, on which the lithograph is based, was drawn in acrylic on canvas and the players' images were modeled on those found in baseball cards, yearbooks and scorebooks, Eisenstein said.

Finewax said EFF got the idea early in the season that a team portrait would make a good business venture, what with the cult-like devotion Torontonians give their team.

With the World Series win, a risky proposition turned into a sure thing, and Finewax said that if the lithograph sells as expected, "everybody will be happy."

Eisenstein, who has worked as an illustrator for major publications like *USA Today*, *The New Yorker* and *Saturday Night* magazine, said producing art with a sports motif is the most satisfying to him.

Vintage uniforms

He got his start about four years ago when he did some hand-painted portraits on baseballs as well as pictures of hockey players on pucks.

His work has become so popular that he's done mock-up baseball cards of modern-day players wearing vintage-era uniforms, including hand-painted "Bowman style" cards that harken back to the 1950s, when they were in vogue.

With their love of baseball, it's no coincidence that Fisher, Finewax and Eisenstein met on a diamond about eight years ago when they all played for Canyon lodge in B'nai Brith's fastpitch league.

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Business Outlook

Israeli markets heat up

TEL AVIV —

The Israeli financial market is heating up with three times as many new underwritings in 1992 as compared to last year.

Shlomo Recht, managing director of Poalim Capital Markets and Investments Ltd., the country's major financial underwriters, anticipates that this trend will continue based on the dramatic liberalization of capital markets here.

During the first 10 months of 1992, it was reported, 97 new underwritings amounting to approximately $875 million (U.S.) were completed, in contrast to 47 for approximtely $350 million, during the entire previous year. Poalim, it was stated, was lead manager for underwritings amounting to $270 million, which accounted for more than 30 percent of the Israeli market this year to date.

Experts of Poalim Capital Markets and Investments, a subsidiary of Bank Hapoalim, state that recent permission for Israeli provident funds to invest freely in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange is releasing many hundreds of millions of shekels for investment in new share issues.

The expected approval for Israeli pension funds to also invest in the Tel Aviv Exchange will release similar amounts of capital to the investment market in 1993.

Privatization measures expected to be undertaken by the new Israeli government will enhance investment opportunities to be offered the public and financial groups in Israel and abroad. Among these offerings will be the country's three leading banks; Hapoalim, Bank Leumi and the Israel Discount Bank, along with other major corporations, shares of which will amount to close to one billion dollars.

Recent successful underwritings, headed by the largest to date, a part of Israel Chemicals Ltd. for more than $220 million in which Poalim was the lead underwriter, is giving strong impetus to this new trend, according to Shlomo Recht.

Eight successful offerings for Israeli companies were also conducted on Wall Street and the OTC in New York, led by a $250 million underwriting for Scitex, and including: E.C.I. Telecom, $75 million; P.E.C. (Israel Economic Corp.), $50 million; Elscint, $26 million; and Teledata, $38.5 million.

Genetic testing studied

TORONTO —

Genetic testing for life insurance applicants will benefit all life insurance policyholders, and may ultimately lead to lower insurance costs, according to the Life Underwriters Association of Toronto (LUAT).

"If genetic testing is introduced for life insurance, the results will give us a much better idea of the applicant's health and potential risk," says Ted B. Snider, president, LUAT. "Like other tests conducted by life insurance companies — such as blood, urine and saliva tests — DNA testing will be conducted with the strictest standards of privacy."

Genetic testing analyzes a person's DNA which carries genetic information that determines characteristics such as eye color and body size, and the possibility that they may contact certain diseases. Two thousand genes have been identified to date, but scientists predict that all 100,000 of them will be mapped early in the next century.

"Life insurance companies conduct medical examinations in order to determine the applicant's risk," Snider says. "If everyone was allowed to buy life insurance — no matter what their health — the cost of life insurance would be astronomical. If we can use genetic testing to get more thorough results, it could lead to lower insurance costs.

"On the other hand, genetic testing may allow people to get life insurance who would not normally be eligible," Snider says. "For example, if hereditary disease such as Huntington's chorea runs in your family, you will have a hard time getting insurance. But genetic testing might show that you will not get the disease. In that case, you might then be eligible for life insurance."

At present, no life insurance companies in Canada use genetic testing. Life insurance companies in Holland have introduced guidelines on genetic screening. California is developing legislation to regulate the use of genetic testing by life insurance companies.

"Genetic testing for life insurance is still many years away," Snider says. "The cost now runs at about $1,000 for each test. That makes it too expensive for insurance companies to use for each policy applicant.

"Currently, there is an international project underway — called the Human Genome Project — to identify and catalogue every gene in the human body. When that project is complete, genetic testing will become more common."

In Canada, Privacy Commissioner Bruce Phillips recently released a report called *Genetic Testing and Privacy*, which raised concerns that genetic testing will infringe on individual privacy.

"Genetic testing is a complex issue both from a social and political perspective," Snider says. "As an industry, we want to work together with government, the medical community, and the public, to ensure that genetic testing is used fairly and ethically."

Some of the issues to be addressed will include:

- Who would have access to the results of genetic tests? For example, should an employer have the right to access genetic test results held by an insurance company? Should the state have access?
- Should the insurance company reveal all the details of the test to the policy applicant? What if the policy applicant doesn't want to know the results?

"Although genetic testing will not be used by life insurance companies in Canada for a number of years, it's important that we get started now to develop the guidelines, policies and legislation that will make the most sense for everyone involved."

DATE	TOTAL ANNUAL WITHDRAWAL	CUMULATIVE TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	REMAINING ACCOUNT VALUE	COMPARATIVE GIC 10% RETURN
9/81	$ 0	$ 0	$ 96,000	$ 100,000
12/81	$ 2,475	$ 2,475	$ 98,620	$ 100,817
12/82	$9,900	$ 12,375	$ 122,827	$ 100,463
12/83	$9,900	$ 22,275	$ 155,387	$ 100,073
12/84	$9,900	$ 32,175	$ 146,894	$ 99,644
12/85	$9,900	$ 42,075	$ 189,855	$ 99,172
12/86	$9,900	$ 51,975	$ 199,443	$ 98,653
12/87	$9,900	$ 61,875	$ 186,289	$ 98,082
12/88	$9,900	$ 71,775	$ 218,228	$ 97,453
12/89	$9,900	$ 81,675	$ 242,821	$ 96,763
12/90	$9,900	$ 91,575	$ 209,377	$ 96,003
12/91	$9,900	$ 101,475	$ 257,673	$ 95,167
6/92	$4,950	$ 106,425	$ 282,588	$ 94,831

Retirement investments outlined

By STEPHEN J. HOFFMAN

Many retirees are worried about outliving their savings.

This concern is well founded as more and more people are taking early retirement. Studies show that we are expected to live longer than any other generation. For example, 85 percent of 60-year-olds will live to age 90. These two factors combined mean many retirees will spend between 25-30 years in retirement. How is it possible to afford to live for such an extended period of time in retirement without depleting your savings?

One of the ways is by using a "Systematic Withdrawal Program." These withdrawal programs are one of the most under-used planning strategies available for retirees.

Quite simply you invest in one or more mutual funds, and request that the manager regularly (monthly, bimonthly or quarterly) send you a cheque or make deposits directly into your bank account. Your initial capital will continue to earn a rate of return. The program is very flexible and the amount of money withdrawal can be increased or decreased at anytime.

The real benefit of this strategy, however is that you are able to retain some equity investments in your portfolio during your retirement years. Many retirees don't want to hold equities in their portfolio because they consider them too risky. Instead they opt for investments they consider safer, investments such as term deposits or GICs. I believe, however, that to follow this GIC strategy is really the course of action with the greatest risk.

If we are going to live for 25-30 in retirement, a hedge is needed to prevent inflation from eroding the purchasing power of our savings. Retirees who invest all their money in term deposits or GICs with the intention of living off the interest, soon find their investment decreasing in real value due to the ravages of inflation and the taxes due on their interest income. It is only by holding a hedge against inflation, such as that provided by equities, that the effects of inflation can be reduced.

I'm not suggesting that all your holdings should be in equities. Far from it. The asset allocation decision is something that should be discussed with your financial consultant and should take account your comfort level, objectives and individual needs. However, as George Hartman, a noted author on investing said "If it makes sense to have equities in your portfolio between the ages of 30 and 60, it probably makes sense to have them there between 60 and 90."

Take the example of the retiree who in September 1981 invests $100,000 and receives $825 each month during retirement, beginning in October of the same year. The $825 per month represents a 10 percent annual return on the initial investment.

During the period from September 1981 to June 1992 our retiree would have withdrawn $106,425, or slightly more than his original investment. If he invested in GICs with their "roller-coaster" interest rates of the 1980's, the retiree would have only $94,831 of his original principal left. He would have eaten into his principal to the extent of 5 percent.

However, if he had used the "Systematic Withdrawal Plan," and invested with the well-known Canadian mutual fund used in the chart above, he would have $282,588 of capital remaining, or an increase of 182 percent.

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YONGE/EGL. on double lot, 50' x 161', 3-storeys, reduced to $429,000.

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2 Houses For Sale Private

Bathurst/Steeles - Large 4 bedrooom, 4 bathroom. 2 fireplaces. Cathedral ceiling. Hardwood. 661-1608. 12787

3 Houses For Rent

Bathurst/Glencairn - 2 bedroom bungalow with basement. Hardwood floors. Fireplace. $930. January 1. 785-5139. 12748

5 Houses Wanted

To rent or purchase. Responsible, professional Jewish family seeks house located in the Bathurst/ Eglinton area. Preferrably 4 bedrooms. January possession. 443-1100 after 6pm. 12773

6 Condominiums For Sale

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- **115 ANTIBES.** 2 bd., balc., $159,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.
- **135 ANTIBES.** Oversized 2 bd. Bella Beer, 731-7111.
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BATHURST STEELES
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135 ANTIBES
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$94,900 — 1-bdrm. w/lge. terrace, must be sold. M. Budovitch, 250-1800, Cityscape Real Estate Inc.

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7 Condominiums For Rent

Bathurst/Steeles - New luxury 2 bedroom condo. Locker. 2 parking. $1,500 monthly. 771-1882, 771-8729 evenings. 12749

Avenue Road/Wilson - Luxury 2 bedroom. Amenties. 5 appliances. Beige interior. No pets. 833-1932. 12757

BATHURST & STEELES
- 3 Bedroom at 135 Antibes Dr. Balcony, Pkg. $1,300/mo. for Dec. 1.

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8 Condominiums For Rent/Sale

Bathurst/Neptune - Luxury 3 bedroom. 5 appliances. 886-2251 evenings, 881-5553. 12659

9 Condominiums Wanted

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Bathurst/Steeles - Room in basement. Kitchen, bathroom. Separate entrance. 669-2517, 733-0901. 12781

Bathurst/Steeles - Room in house. Share facilities. Non-smoker. 650-1100. 12656

12 Shared Accommodation

Share my house. Main floor apartment. Allen/ Eglinton. Negotiable. Gilbert, 782-1319. 12738

Young single female needed to share entire townhouse with young female. Full kitchen, dishwasher, washer/ dryer. TTC. Parking available. Immediately. $500 monthly. Call Galit, 665-6335 or pager 501-5501. 12765

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Eglinton/Spadina - Female student looking for same. TTC at door. Laundry. Partly furnished. Full broadloom. 4 appliances. Parking. January 1-May 31. $320. 256-6127, 787-0091. 12798

13 Apartments For Rent

Bathurst/Eglinton - Large 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom. Kosher. Close to all amenities. Indoor pool, saunas. $1,250/ month. Available January 1. 782-8918. 12892

Pleasant unfurnished 1 bedroom self-contained apartment in private home. TTC. Utilities. Parking. No pets. Non-smoker. Single mature responsible female preferred. $675 monthly. St.Clair/ Oakwood area. 656-2120. 12763

Bathurst/Glencairn - Bachelor basement apartment. $450. 783-4561 evenings. 12742

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23 Florida Property For Rent

Arlen House East. 1 bedroom convertible. 2nd floor. $1,500u.s. 636-6470. 12795

23 Florida Property For Rent

3 Islands/Hallandale - On Intercoastal. Large 1 bedroom convertible, 1 bathroom. Furnished. Security. Available immediately. Minimum 3 months. 977-6380.

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Deerfield Beach. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Tastefully decorated. Near beach, shopping, golf, tennis. January- March. 443-8909. 12686

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By CYNTHIA GASNER

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The evidence of three autobiographical texts of siblings points to the need to challenge readings informed by either historicist or modernist assumptions that overlook the contexts of gender and community, says Prof. Anita Norich, who was the guest speaker at a lecture sponsored by the Israel and Sala Disenhouse Lecture Series and the University of Toronto Jewish Studies Program held recently at University College.

Speaking on The Family Singer: Autobiography and Fiction in I. B. Singer, I. J. Singer, and Esther Singer Kreitman, Norich analyzes and compares the autobiographical texts of the famous Singer family of Yiddish writers.

Portraying the same family and cultural environment, the three Singers reveal strikingly different views of their surroundings and one another. Their writings present an opportunity to examine the dynamics of negotiating between fictive and representational constructions of self, notes Norich.

Norich, an associate professor in the Department of English and Judaic Studies Program at the University of Michigan, received a doctorate in English literature from Columbia University and is the author of *The Homeless Imagination in the Fiction of Israel Joshua Singer.* She speaks Yiddish, Hebrew, French and German and is the author of numerous publications, review and essays.

Norich explains that Kreitman's *Der sheydim-tants* (The Demons' Dance 1936), Israel's *Fun a velt vos iz nishto mer* (Of A World That Is No More, 1946) and Bashevis' *Mayn tatns bezdn-shtub* (My Father's Rabbinical Courtroom, 1955) present three different narratives that its individual members can create out of their story. Comparisons of these writings offer a more intriguing view of Kreitman than her brothers.

Norich notes that the Singer brothers write their autobiographies as memoirs while their sister writes hers as a novel with a third person narrator. This, says Norich, allows Kreitman to distance herself from the limitations imposed on her life while the use of memoirs allows the Singer brothers to point more directly to the social world around them and their own place within it.

The major thematic concern of these writings, says Norich, is the extraordinary difference between sons and daughters. In writing a novel, Kreitman takes creative liberties which allows her to highlight the assault on female selfhood.

Norich says that Kreitman depicts her heroine Deborah, who tries to break free, with "a tortured desire for education and, primarily, for love, a desire to share in the world, even the limited world of a home which relegates its daughter to the status of household drudge."

Based on her own experience, Kreitman "links poverty, class, and gender as elements that contribute to an understanding of powerlessness and the silence it may engender. She recognizes a curious connection between the status of Chassidim and of women in Jewish life, both exploited by powerful individuals, craving a true belief, desperately in need of education."

Kreitman's unmistakably autobiographical novel is an indictment of the family and the culture that brands the heroine as mad. Reading the memoirs of the Singer brothers "one need never confront the place of women in Jewish culture; reading Kreitman, one must view it as a primary concern."

Norich's examination of the Singers, interwoven with family dynamics, an oppressive society, attitudes on religious life and the assault on females, opens the listener to question further modern Jews or women who struggle to claim a place for the individual. She concludes that these narratives reveal themselves as "imaginative constructions of the self in an historical, mediated social context."

Pediatrician, Dr. Robert (Bob) Disenhouse of Toronto and Shoshana Disenhouse Morag of Jerusalem, children of the late Israel (Srulke) and Sala Disenhouse and their families established the memorial lecture fund in 1990 for the advancement of Yiddish at the University of Toronto.

The fund brings to the university and the community at large, outstanding scholars who speak on Yiddish and its significance in the historical development of the Jewish people.

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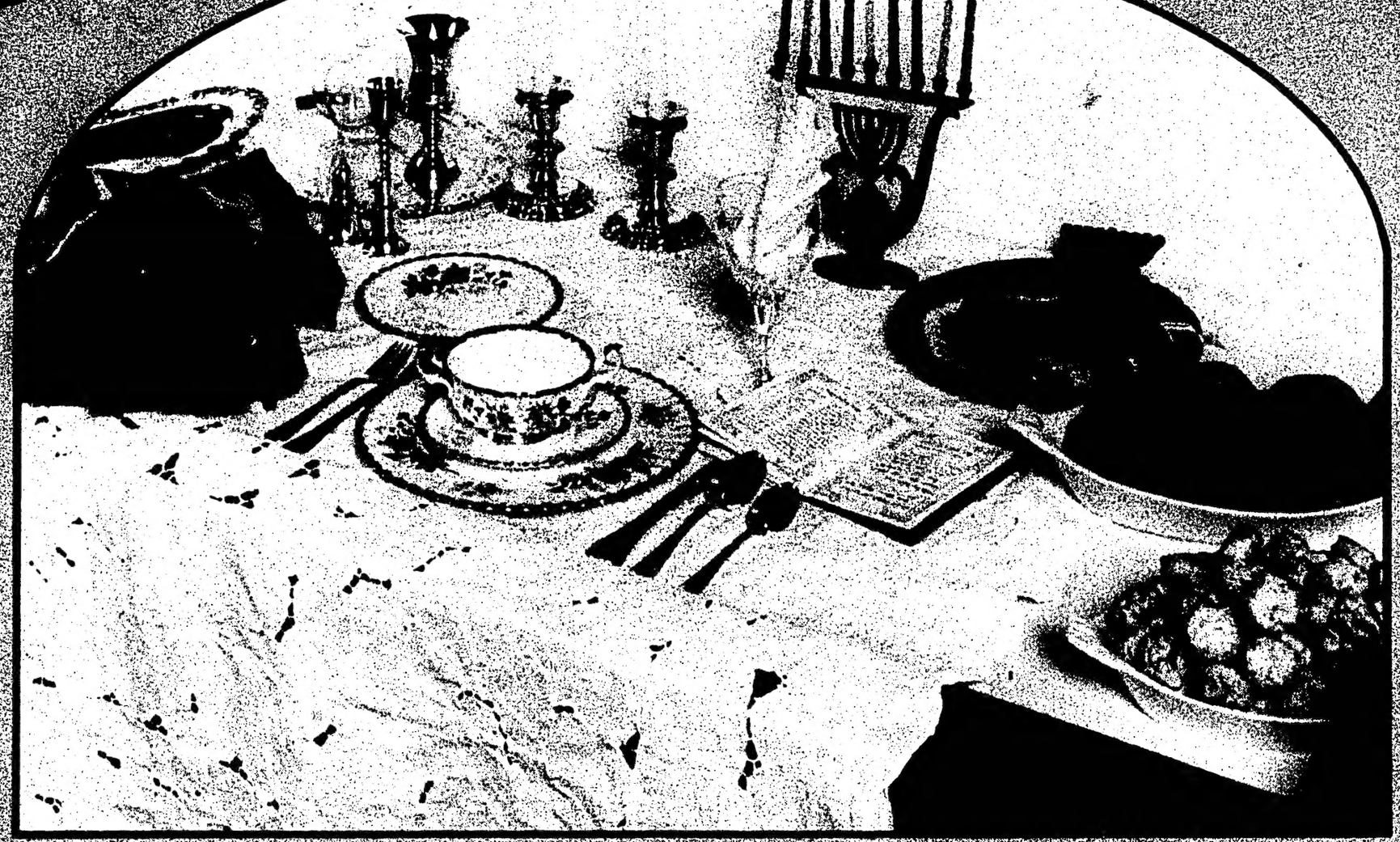

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1 can (19 oz) Canada Choice stewed tomatoes
1 can (14 oz) Canada Fancy cut green beans, drained
½ tsp dried basil
½ tsp salt
¼ tsp dried oregano
¼ tsp pepper
¼ cup garlic powder
1 cup shredded kosher mozzarella cheese (opt)

Preheat oven to 450°F.

Place frozen fish in shallow baking dish. In small bowl, combine stewed tomatoes, green beans, basil, salt, oregano, pepper and garlic powder. Spoon over fish. Bake uncovered for 30 to 35 minutes or until fish flakes easily when pierced with a fork. Sprinkle with cheese during last 5 minutes of baking, if desired.

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Borscht (Beet Soup)

2 tbsp vegetable oil
1½ cups chopped onions
2 large carrots, diced
1 stalk celery, diced
1 potato, peeled and diced
3 medium sized uncooked beets, peeled and diced

6 cups vegetable stock or water
2 tbsp granulated sugar
1 tsp caraway seeds
3 cups shredded red or green cabbage

¼ cup lemon juice
½ tsp dill weed

to taste black pepper
½ tsp salt optional

In a large heavy saucepan, heat oil over medium heat. Add onions, carrots, celery, potato and beets. Cook, stirring occasionally until vegetables are slightly softened (7-10 minutes). Add vegetable stock, sugar, caraway seeds. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer until beets are tender (35-45 minutes). Add cabbage and simmer for 5 minutes or until tender crisp. Stir in lemon juice, dill weed, pepper and salt, and heat through.

Makes 6-8 servings.

MARINATED CAULIFLOWER SALAD
(Foodland Ontario)

Tender-crisp Ontario cauliflower is the star in this colorful early autumn salad.

3 cups cauliflower florets
1 cup diagonally cut yellow beans
2 tbsp. finely chopped fresh mint
1 tsp. granulated sugar
⅓ cup oil-and-vinegar salad dressing
Salt and pepper
1 cup cubed peeled cucumber
½ cup diced sweet red pepper
½ cup coarsely chopped Spanish onion
½ cup pitted large black olives, halved

In large saucepan of lightly salted boiling water, cook cauliflower and beans for 4 to 5 minutes or just until tender-crisp. Drain and refresh under cold running water; drain well and set aside.

In salad bowl and using back of spoon, mash mint with sugar; whisk in dressing, and salt and pepper to taste. Add cauliflower, beans, cucumber, red pepper, onion and olives; toss gently to coat with dressing. Serve at room temperature or cover and refrigerate for up to 12 hours.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.

The sky's the limit at renovated L'Hotel

L'Hotel recently received a $2.5 million facelift.

Included in these renovations was the ballroom. Hotel spokesman Christopher Ashby was especially eloquent about the ceiling which was hand painted like a sky with fluffy clouds.

In late 1989, director of catering Ross Massey relates, the banquet kitchen, on the lower level, directly connecting with the ballroom, was converted so that it could be used for kosher catering.

This was done under the watchful eye of COR, whiich is still the supervising body.

New dishes and flatware were purchased, which are used exclusively for kosher functions.

For kosher events, says Massey, the hotel doesn't like to exceed 350 people, with space for dancing.

When a kosher event is scheduled to take place, the kitchen is closed to general use and kashered, under the supervision (and with the assistance of) a COR mashgiach.

While kosher baked goods, including breads, challahs, pastries and desserts are brought in, all cooking is done on the premises.

When someone wants to have a kosher affair at L'Hotel, they are shown a kosher "package," outlining the hors d'oeuvres, entrees, and sweet table suggestions, both as set menus or a la carte.

They are also able to design their own meal, with the help and advice of Massey and the chef.

They are given the opportunity to taste a sample meal, even being offered several examples from which to choose.

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Kosher selections include fish terraine with basil and tomato couli, gazpacho andalous, grilled supreme of chicken with sesame seeds served on a red pepper coulis with wild rice and young vegetables, nougat glace, Atlantic salmon butterfly with watercress sabayon.

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"We specialize in delivering exactly what the client wants," says Massey. "That's our specialty, that's our flexibility."

A wedding at L'Hotel sound like a dream.

The Ontario and Niagara rooms, smaller rooms off the main ballroom, are available free of charge for the ceremony. As well, small hospitality suites are available for the wedding party to dress in, and special rates are offered for out of town guests.

(The special rates are offered for out of town guests for other events held in the hotel as well.)

As an extra touch, the bride and groom are given a complementary suite for the night.

Ashby also points out that the enormous hotel atrium, an elegant setting alive with greenery, marble, beautiful chandeliers, and mahogany walls, is a perfect place for pictures. It is available for those having their affair in the hotel or, for those staying there.

"The hotel lends itself to a setting of grandeur," Ashby says.

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Empire launches new line of dinners

Empire's new line of individually quick frozen dinners are a boon to both singles and large families.

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"Families often do not have the time anymore to sit down and eat dinner together yet they still want meals that are wholesome and nutritious. With this product, consumers can remove as little or as much as they want from the package, pop it in the microwave and have a good dinner in l0 minutes. There are even recipes included on the package for novice cooks.

It is also good for families who need more chicken than is available in one box yet not as much as comes in two boxes. With a lot of frozen products, these families have to cook more than they need and refreeze the rest. This just makes things a little more flexible."

She says that all Empire chickens are naturally grown on the company's breeding farm in Pennsylvania using devices specifically geared for the kosher industry. "Our chickens are free to roam which means they are leaner and grown longer. As well, we prepare our own feed out of corn and soya bean so we know exactly what goes into it. The customer knows for sure there are no additives. All this leads to a naturally flavored chicken, exactly how it should taste. It is then shipped all over North America, Europe, Central and South America and South Africa. We really do cover almost the whole map."

She says that Empire's line of frozen products such as perogies, cheese, fruit or potato blintzes and potato latkes also help make mealtime a little easier."Again, there are nights when cooking is impossible yet families want a good meal. That is when these frozen foods come in handy. When spiced up a little such as in a nice cream sauce, the perogies or blintzes make great party fare. Guests will not be able to guess you started with frozen food."

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From the Herzog French Selections there is the Chardonnay Vin de Pays. A refreshing wine of lively balance with a steely structure, this wine is great with light flavored chicken, salads or just for sipping.

Clean balanced flavors

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3 drops hot sauce

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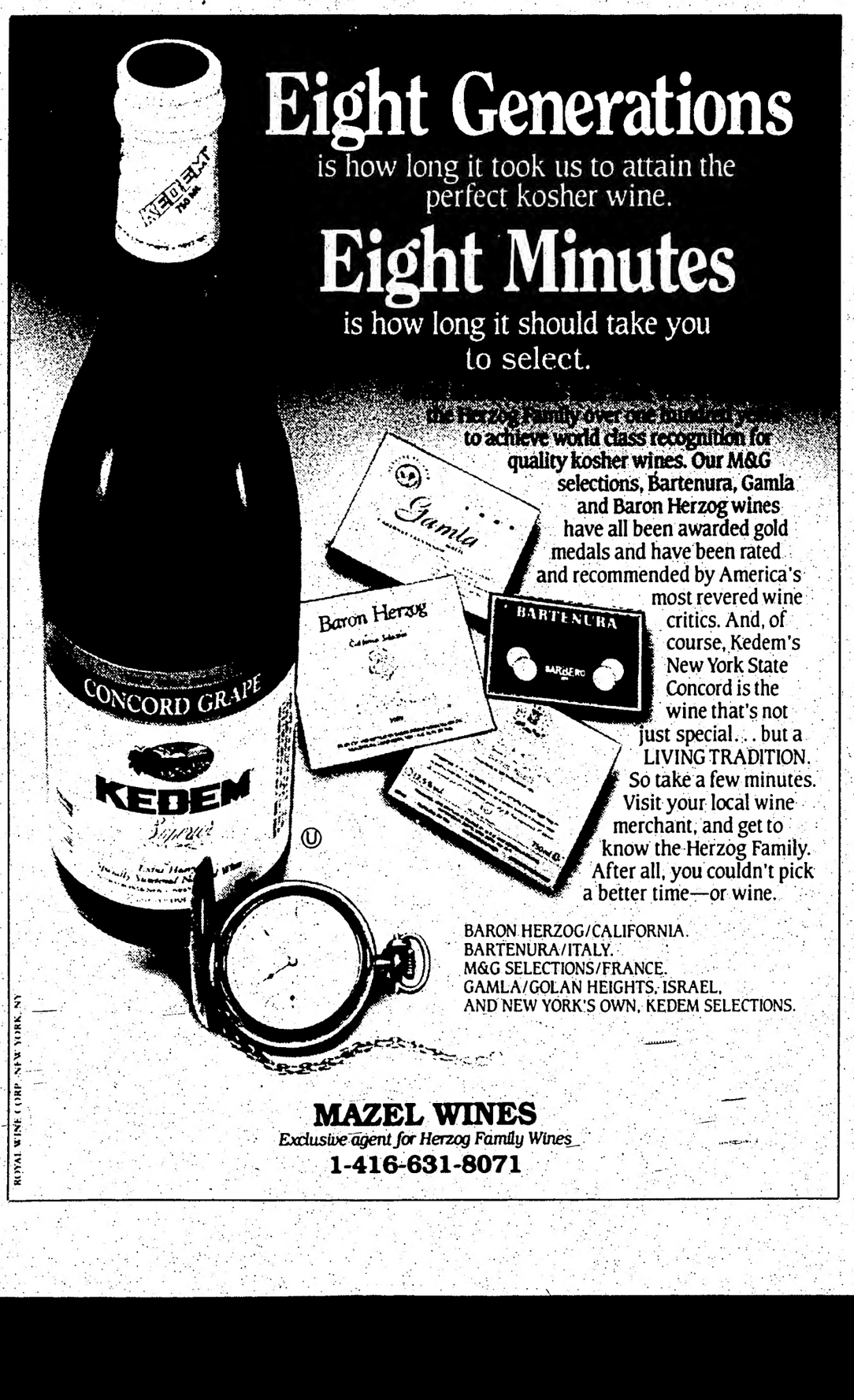
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KOSHER DEPARTMENT SERVES FAR GREATER AREA THAN TRADITIONAL SUPERMARKET

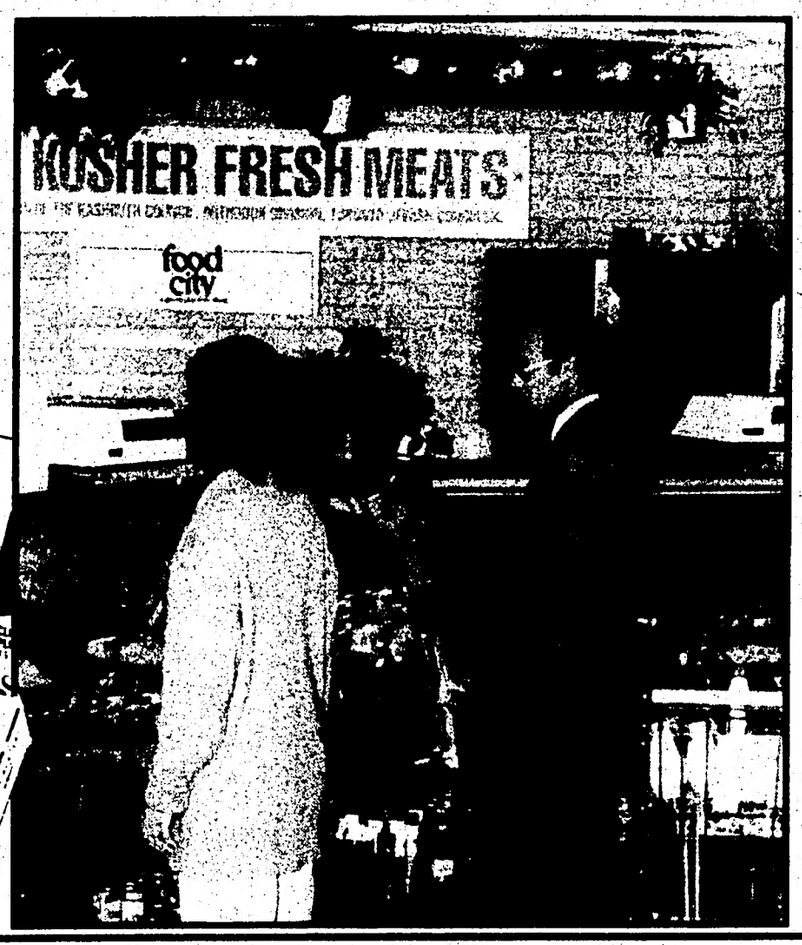
The Kosher Foods department in the Clark and Hilda Food City serves an area far greater than a traditional supermarket. In fact its market is most of Ontario with shoppers even coming from as far away as Winnipeg.

The principal attraction is the Glatt Kosher meat department, bakery and deli. The Kosher department also contains a fresh fish section, frozen foods and appetizers as well as prepared foods. Adjacent is several aisles of Kosher packaged and canned products.

"The combination, unmatched in a supermarket anywhere, is sufficient to make the store an attractive shopping destination for observant Jewish customers from many miles distant," according to store manager, Loris Gaiotto.

"A glance at the out-of-town license plates in the parking lot every Sunday tells the story." he said. "We have regular customers who drive in from Hamilton, St. Catharines, London, Kitchener and Oshawa with others visiting periodically from Kingston, Ottawa and even Winnipeg."

The out-of-towners are recognizable in the store by the large amounts of meats, baked goods, deli and dairy products in their shopping carts, he continued."



Owned and operated by Oshawa Foods, a division of giant food distributor Oshawa Group Limited, the 36,700 square-foot supermarket opened five years ago and has been a successful operation from day one.

"Thousands of observant Jews live in the area surrounding the store and form the backbone of its clientele," said Sam Crystal, Oshawa Group Vice President Public Affairs. "But many non-observant Jews as well as non-Jews patronize the store and we consider it a great compliment that they drive past two or three supermarkets, sometimes more, to shop Clark-Hilda Food City," he said.

Although the store has a large variety of kosher products, new products are being added regularly. Recent additions include Valu Club (large packs) peanut butter, corn chips, tortilla chips, pretzels as well as 12-packs of crusty, hot dog and hamburger buns and three-loaf packs of crusty bread.

Kosher deli varieties have grown substantially, according to new kosher deli manager Bess Ricci, with prepared items alone increased by 20%.

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Miracle Food Mart gives just the right glatt cut

For some years now, certain branches of Miracle Food Mart in Toronto have had kosher meat, under the supervision of COR.

But now, reports spokesman Ben Koldyk, the stores have gone glatt kosher "to better serve a wider population in the kosher community."

And not just glatt.

Miracle is selling federally-inspected meat from Agri Processors in Iowa, in the United States.

The meat is schechted and kashered under the supervision of K'Hal Adas Jeshurun, Breuer's hashgacha.

A Canadian rabbi who went down to see the plant, said Koldyk, "said he had never seen any (slaughtering) so skillfully done."

After purchase, the meat is brought to the Bathurst and Sheppard branch of Miracle for processing into steaks, roasts and other cuts, a procedure carried out under the supervision of the Kashruth Council of Toronto.

Koldyk said that, beside being acceptable, halachically speaking, to the widest range of kosher consumers, because the plant is so large, a wider range of cuts can be made available.

Oxtails popular

"We can buy exactly what we need," Koldyk says, pointing out that American and Canadian customers may not want the same thing.

What new things can one find?

For instance, he says, oxtails, used in soup, are becoming very popular here.

(Oxtails, it should be noted, are not really from oxen — they are from beef, Koldyk explains. Another illusion down the drain.)

Minute roast is another new cut. A cross rib section of the shoulder, it is "small, very lean and cooks up very tasty."

Miami ribs, great for spareribs, and sometimes in short supply here, says Koldyk, are more readily available, as is prime rib at better prices.

Customers who want particular cuts can ask and the store will try to accommodate them.

Four branches

K'hai Adas Jeshurun meat is available at four of the Toronto branches — Bathurst at Viewmount, Bathurst at Sheppard, Bathurst at Steeles and Don Mills at Steeles.

The branches also currently supply lamb and veal under chasidishe schechita.

However, Koldyk says, Miracle's kosher butcher (the supervisor of their kosher meat department) is currently in Iowa to show Agri Processors how Canadian customers like their lamb and veal cut.

Miracle also has a good supply of Chai kosher chicken and turkey.

An appealing feature of Miracle Food Marts is their extensive kosher grocery lines. Many of their own house brands are under kosher supervision and they have a wide selection of general kosher products.

Recently, UltraMart stores introduced the frequent buyer program. Customers receive a free power card and, when presented to the cashiers, they are eligible for a wide range of product discounts.

Holiday shopping is a delight, because, especially at the Bathurst and Steeles branch, one can find not only many kosher for the holiday products, but also paper goods, plastic and other needs.

Chinese-style omelettes

TOMATO EGG FU YUNG
(Foodland Ontario)

Tomatoes are combined with eggs and bean sprouts in these speedy Chinese-style omelettes. For a heartier entree add leftover chicken or canned salmon to the egg mixture. Make the simple Oriental Sauce before cooking the omelettes or simply sprinkle them with soy sauce to serve. Either way, hot fluffy rice is the perfect accompaniment.

- 3 tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1 cup chopped fresh mushrooms
- ¼ cup finely chopped onion
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 2 cups fresh bean sprouts
- 1 cup diced seeded tomatoes
- 1 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
- ¼ tsp. salt

Oriental Sauce (recipe follows)

Heat 1 tbsp. of the oil in large non-stick frypan. Saute mushrooms and onion until tender and any liquid has evaporated. Remove from pan; cool.

In small bowl, combine eggs, bean sprouts, tomatoes, parsley and salt; stir in cooked vegetables.

In same frypan, heat a small amount of remaining oil. Drop ¼ cup (50 mL) amounts of the egg mixture into frypan. Cook over medium heat until lightly browned on both sides, turning once. Repeat with remaining mixture, adding oil to pan as needed. Serve immediately with Oriental Sauce.

Makes 12 patties.

Oriental Sauce

In small saucepan, smoothly combine 4 tsp. cornstarch, ¾ cup water and ¼ cup kosher bottled teriyaki marinade and sauce. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture boils and thickens. Makes about 1 cup.

An easy chicken dish

Chicken Braised In Cider

12 small sage leaves
3 very small chickens
3 tbsps. chicken fat
2 med. onions, chopped coarsely
1 large carrot, chopped coarsely
1 turnip, chopped coarsely
2½ cups apple cider or apple juice
1 bouquet garni made by tying together 3 sprigs of parsley, 2 sprigs of thyme and ½ bay leaf
¼ cup parsley, chopped

Divide the sage leaves into equal portions and place them inside the cavity of the birds. Sew the birds closed. In a large flameproof casserole melt the fat over a high flame and brown the birds well. Remove the birds and reduce the flame.

Add the onion, carrot and turnip, cover and let cook for 5-6 minutes. Replace the birds and pour over the cider. Bring to a boil, add the bouquet garni, cover and transfer to a medium oven for 2 hours.

Remove the birds from the casserole and set aside to keep warm. Strain the liquids in the casserole, pressing down on the vegetables to squeeze out the liquids. Place the birds on a pre-warmed serving plater, pour over some of the juices and sprinkle with parsley. Serve the remaining juices separately.

Chai Poultry plant unique

Energetic, looking to the future — this is an apt description of Chai Kosher Poultry, the only plant of its kind in Ontario.

Its 7-year-old, modern, federally inspected plant provides over 6,000 birds a day to the kosher market across Canada. The only place where Chai poultry is not found is the province of Quebec.

Packaged and loose, the company ships chicken, turkeys, cornish hens and stewing hens. Its staff of 53, includes three shochtim (slaughterers) and three mashgichim (kashruth supervisors).

Supervision is from the Kashruth Council of Toronto (COR).

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Chai is proud that it offers turkey in new packaging , to give different ideas for healthier cooking.

Turkey scallopini, kebabs, steaks and steakettes are available on completely biodegradable styrofoam trays.

The company, the only Jewish family-owned and operated chicken poultry processor in Ontario sells only Ontario-grown products.

It processes and delivers daily (even up to three times a day when called for) to neighborhood sites and chain stores, including Perl's Meats, Miracle Food Mart, Food City, Sunnybrook, Loblaws, Highland Farms and Loeb's.

The company has recently undergone major renovations to upgrade and modernize its processing facilities, so as to ensure quality and good, prompt service.

In this day and age, with health conscious consumers turning more and more to healthy, low-fat food, it is comforting to know that those who keep kosher can get high quality, conveniently packaged poultry, prepared under the highest standards of kashrut and cleanliness.

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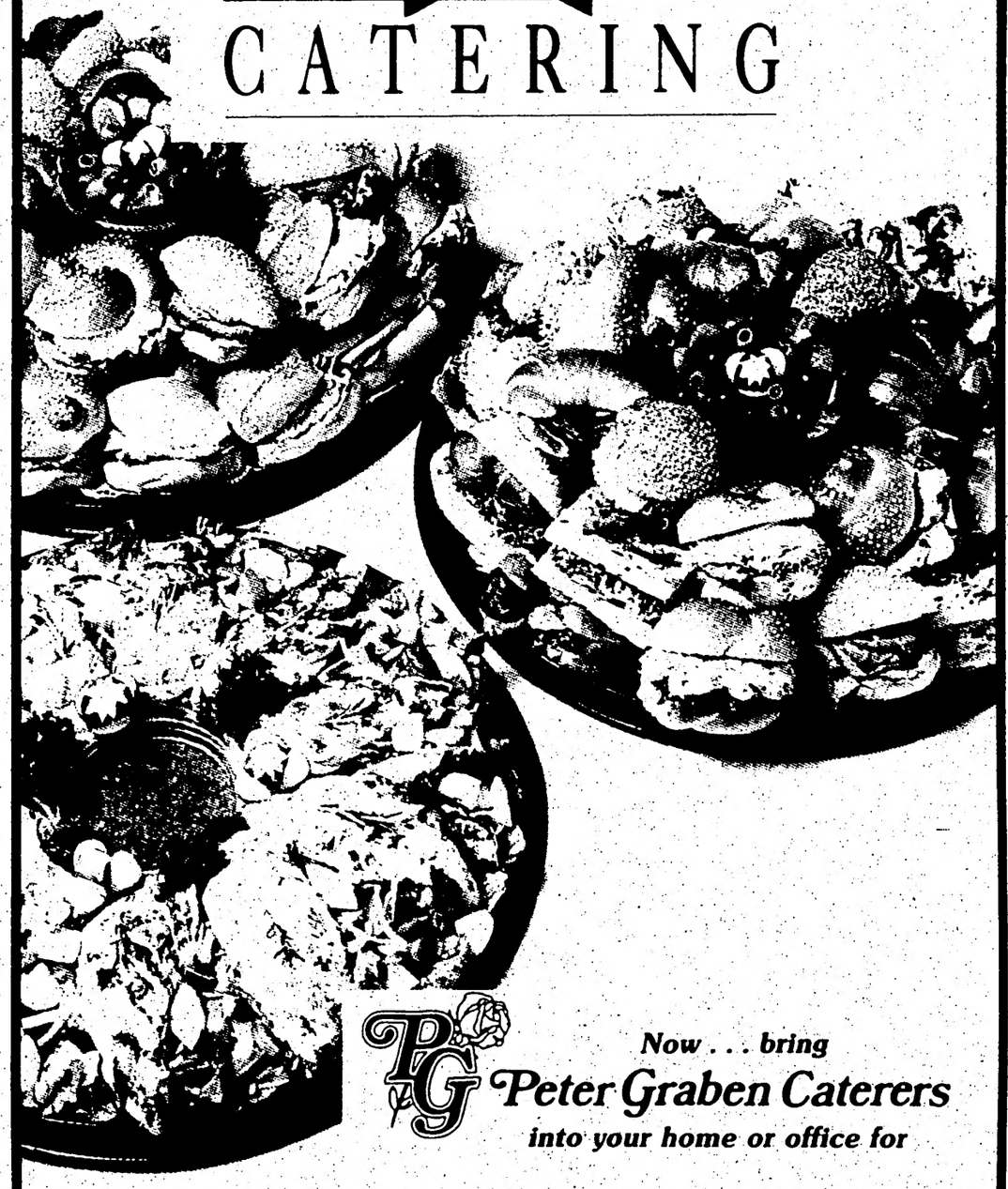

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Loeb Club Plus goes kosher

Meats include Perl's, Chai Poultry

Everyone at Loeb Club Plus, at both Coulter's Mill Market Place and Bayview and Highway 7, is quite excited about the recent launching of the Club Plus Program.

Marty MacDonald, whose Loeb Club Plus store is at Bayview and Highway 7 says that "what this program basically means is that Loeb Club Plus is offering retail sizes at warehouse prices on a vast variety of packaged goods. The tremendous boost for customers is that they do not have to buy in bulk — they can continue to buy products in the sizes in which they are accustomed without having to buy a membership card."

Add to this, says McDonald, the fresh produce, wide variety of kosher foods, excellent service and spacious, clean surroundings, and customers have a great store for all their shopping needs.

McDonald says that Loeb Club Plus at both locations introduced kosher selections at the request of their customers. "They have proved so successful that we've had to expand several times since their inception. In the meat section we carry prepackaged meats from Perl's and chicken from Chai Poultry. The prepared food section carries such items as L'Echaim lasagna and prepared deli meats. There is also a wide variety of frozen products and dry goods."

He says that they are quite pleased about the kosher sections because it means that they are offering even better service to their customers. "With the introduction of the kosher section we saw to it that customers could really fulfil all their grocery needs at our stores. We are able to offer one-stop shopping. That means a lot in this day and age when nobody has the time to go from store to store to get everything they need. One-stop shopping is really a time-saver."

Other reasons there is no time wasted shopping at Loeb Club Plus is that there is always plenty of staff around, and there are parcellers at every check-out. "As well, we offer no-hassle cheque cashing privileges so we can offer service right on the spot."

Loeb Club Plus also offers a lot of little things that translate into great shopping. "Customers are of the utmost importance to us and we try to please them by doing such things as walking customers to their cars with an umbrella on rainy days, product sampling and free coffee. As well we lend out large coffee percolaters for free to anyone needing them for a party or meeting."

He adds that because the owners at both stores are on site they are always able to make sure that everything is up to their high standards. "It is important to us that we know everything that is going on at all times."

Another important feature of Loeb Club Plus is its community orientation. "Our barbecues have raised over $20,000 that we have donated to local schools and organizations. We pride ourselves on our involvement in the local community. Not only do we want to take care of our customers, we want to do our part in taking care of the community."

He says that the Loeb name has been an important one in the grocery business since 1912 when Moses Loeb bought a horse and cart and peddled candy and tobacco to corner stores. In 1977, the Loeb chain was taken over by Provigo Inc.

Westhill a standard in daily excellence

Westhill Dairy, manufacturers of many fine kosher dairy products including sour cream, cream cheese, cottage cheese, yogurt and butter, has served the marketplace for more than 50 years.

In 1988, Liberty Brand of Montreal president Abe Gomel saw a business opportunity in Toronto and puchased the company. Gomel asked Steve Waldman to join as a partner and manage the dairy. Both have watched the company continue to grow.

"The fact that we are the last of the independent dairies still owned and managed by Jewish people servicing the community with good tasting, all-natural fresh dairy products makes us proud," Waldman says.

"Our brand names — Western, BlueBell and Birds Hill — are recognized in the marketplace as quality dairy products and not just as a me too product."

Each day, the previous days production is tasted by Waldman and other members of his staff before it goes to the stores. If the product doesn't taste right, it isn't shipped.

Waldman is very critical, and at times, it is felt by his staff that he is too picky. However, this is what keeps everyone on their toes and the product consistent.

"All my life my family has been in the dairy business and I have eaten these products since the time my grandfather made them. Therefore, I know how I want the product to taste."

Servicing the customer is another important factor that Westhill strives to achieve. There is no minimum order and the customers receive the product on a regular delivery schedule. If a customer runs out of a product, arrangements are made for prompt delivery even if it means it must go by taxi. Waldman remembers sending an order in a cab when a customer was desperate. The order was for $19.50 and the cab fare was $26.50.

In addition to its own manufactured items, Westhill also distributes other products. Tropicana orange juice, Coby muffin mix, Evian water, C.A. fruit salad and Perrier are just some of the other quality products that are delivered.

Recently, Westhill has been working along with Metropolitan Ice Cream who manufacture high quality ice cream and fresh fruit ices. Westhill has found that Metropolitan is successful in the marketplace.

"Metropolitan is just another example of a quality product. It complements our own and helps keep our company on top," Waldman says.

Delicious Hot tea refreshes on those cold days

One of the holiday season's pleasures is getting together with friends and family. But busy schedules can make socializing difficult. When visits are brief or last minute, enjoy the time with guests rather than fussing in the kitchen.

Tea is excellent in party punch or individual fruit beverages.

A warm tea toddy will be welcome after a brisk walk, cross-country skiing or skating. If you have this non-alcoholic buttered rum base in the refrigerator, you can enjoy a hot buttered tea as quickly as making a cup of ordinary tea.

Making a good cup of tea is easy. The Tea Council of Canada recommends starting with a good quality tea and using fresh cold water each time you make a new pot of tea. While bringing water to a full rolling boil, warm teapot with hot tap water. Use one tea bag for every 2 cups water. When the kettle boils, pour out warming water, add tea bags and pour boiling water over the tea. Cover and let steep for 3 to 5 minutes, stir, remove tea bags and serve.

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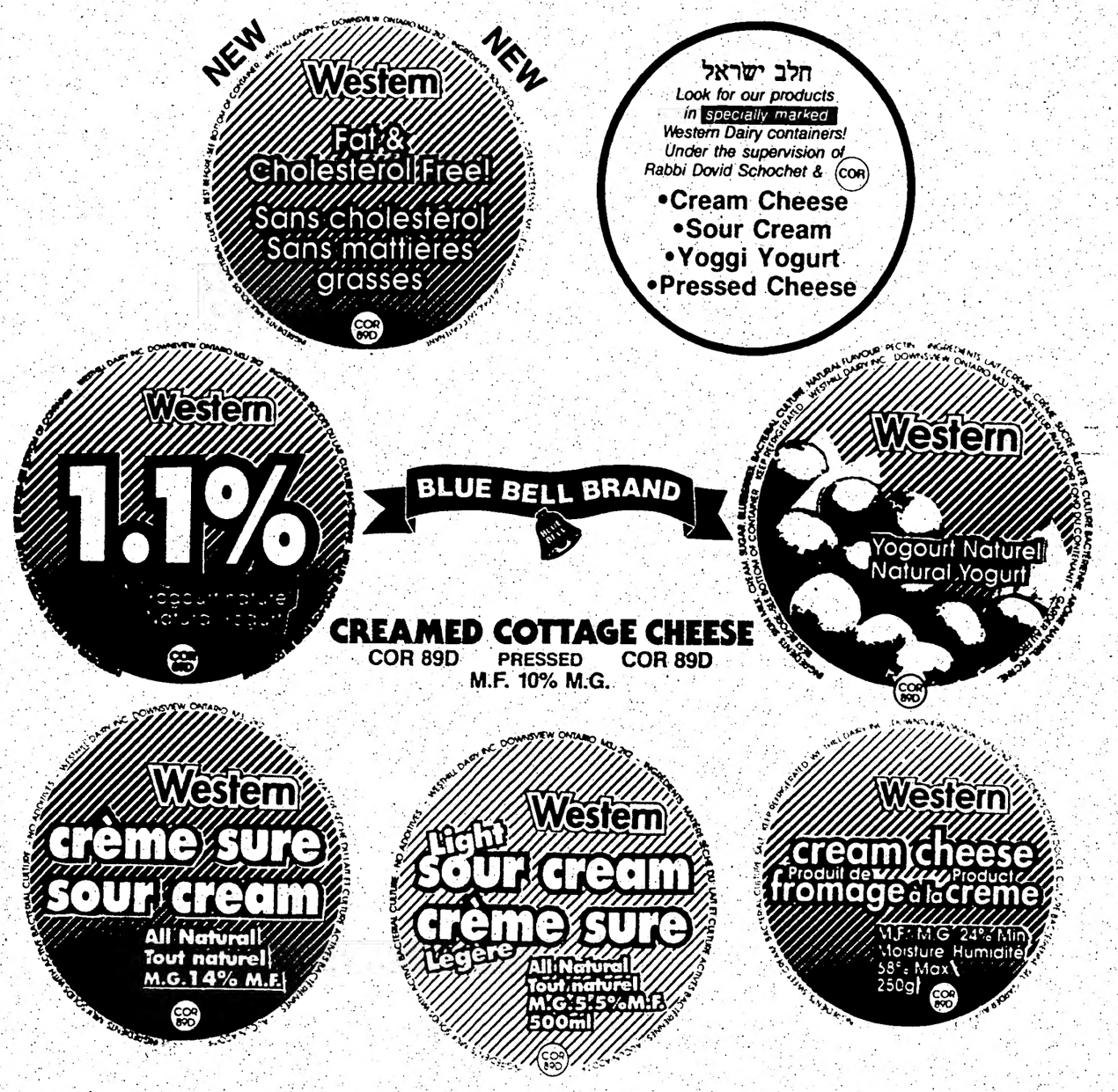

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L'Echaim really caters

From dinner for one to a party for thousands, L'Echaim Caterers is prepared to serve everyone's needs.

Company spokesperson Jack Ponte said that quite recently L'Echaim began catering in outside banquet halls "so people have more choice as to where they want to hold their kosher simchas. We provide full service from the serving staff to the dishes and cutlery to setting and cleaning up. Those who choose to have their parties at home get the same full service."

He says that L'Echaim makes an assortment of frozen products suitable for a single person or small family. "These products are available at the company's retail outlet at 786 Supertest Rd. or at various stores around the city. Individual dinners such as a chicken cutlet or roast beef, complete with rice or potato and a vegetable, make a great fast dinner. Individually portioned frozen soup is also very popular."

He notes that those working in the area can get a good lunch at their outlet, including such items as soup, sandwiches, croissants and tea, coffee or juice. "Also available at the outlet are egg rolls, cabbage rolls, chicken fingers or anything else that the company makes."

L'Echaim Caterers also supplies kosher food to hospitals and kosher room service at certain hotels.

Top kosher cheeses

Commitment to quality cheeses that meet all kashrut requirements are the secrets behind the success of Great Canadian Food Products.

Harold Rapp says that the company is continually striving to find Canadian plants that can manufacture products currently being imported.

"By finding domestic producers, we do not have to worry about the quotas placed on imports. That means that we can manufacture in large quantities and keep prices down.

"We now manufacture a kosher brie cheese that is the first of its kind in Canada."

Great Canadian cheeses can be found at supermarkets and smaller retail stores that carry kosher food as well as its own retail outlet on Bathurst and Fairlawn.

In their country-style shop, one can choose from the largest selection of kosher cheeses in Canada as well as an extensive selection of kosher gourmet and specialty foods. Custom party cheese trays and gift baskets are available as well.

Tailor-made menus found at Rose Lazar

Rose Lazar Catering Services has provided top quality catering to the Toronto community for over thirty years.

Rose Lazar will provide a tailor-made menu to complement each client's needs, from the traditional to the nouveau foods and presentatiuon.

Their offerings are constantly evolving to adapt to change of taste and lifestyle, from traditional brisket of beef to sesame chicken, from steamed vegetables to stir-fried, miniature and organic.

Generations of the same families enjoy Rose Lazar's catering at the Shaarei Tefillah, Lodzer Congregation adn Beth Torah Synagogue.

Their trademark of food, quality, quantity and taste is well known in the city.

They also specialize in home parties and private dinners.

Yossi's gets new digs

Near the corner of Bathurst Street and Wilson Avenue stands a brand new store with a bright yellow awning. The store ? — Yossi's Fine Foods.

Yossi's used to be situated on Bathurst Street near York Downs, but having outgrown that spot, the dream of the owners, Yossi and Cheryl Fisch, was to build a store so efficient that it would be a pleasure to shop there.

You can see that they have succeeded as soon as you set foot in the door.

Their on-the-premises kitchen supplies a steady stream of delectable goodies all day long.

The tremendous variety of prepared foods — over 70 in all — from entrees to salads to side dishes can be seen in three immaculate display counters in the centre of the store. Around the perimeter are fresh meats, poultry, fish and grocery products. They hope to add their own baked goods soon, as well.

"Right now, for the party season, we have a large selection of decorated party platters available at reasonable cost," says Yossi. "We also do full party catering if desired," he adds.

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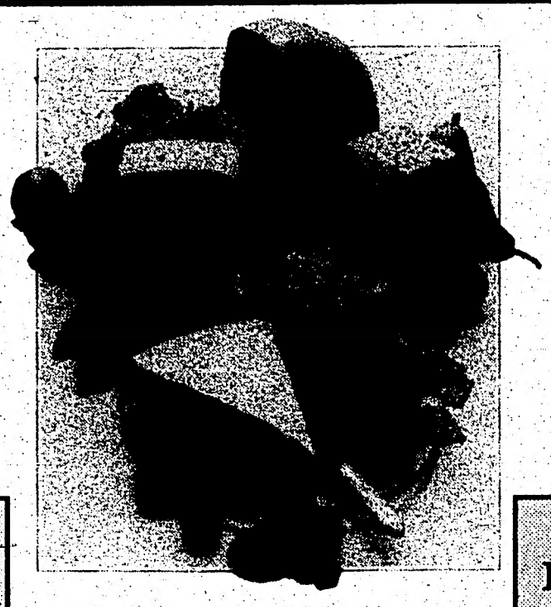
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To find out more about Zuchters Creative Catering, call their office at 638-3663.

Israel treats arrive in city

Those who savor the taste of the boureka, a fluffy puff pastry shaped into a triangle, sprinkle with sesame seeds and stuffed with such things as feta cheese, spinach or potato will flock to King David Pizza and Bourekas at 7000 Bathurst St. in Thornhill.

Owned by David Hazan and Moshe Vanounou, the two-month-old establishment is one of the few in the city to sell this meal-size delicacy.

Hazan, who was in the business for 20 years in Israel says that his bourekas are fashioned after Sami Bourekas which first opened its doors in Israel in 1955. "This dairy or pareve treat which we bake from scratch on the premises can be a light, sweet meal or snack. Because there are so many difrerent fillings there is one for everyone's taste."

Although a very popular portion of the menu, the boureka is only part of King David's extensive fare. "Along with my wife who helps me do the cooking and baking, we have taken Moroccan cuisine, mixed it with Israeli and made it our own. Among other favorites are eggplant, pepper and Israeli salads, humus and techina and of course the pizza which I think is one of the best kosher pizzas in town. None of the foods have preservatives and absolutely everything is home-made," says Hazan.

The desserts are also a hit among the restaurant's many customers and such items as almond pastries with honey and dates or chocolate, cheese or apple rogalach were an instant hit when it opened its doors. In preparation for Chanukah, Hazan and his wife are making the traditional jelly-filled donuts or soufganiot. "People are taking them by the dozens and we are working hard to keep up with the demand."

He says that King David, which is opened Sunday to Friday and Saturday one hour after Shabbat, offers free delivery and is also available to cater parties of any size. "Give us a call, tell us how many people are involved and the budget you have in mind and we'll make a beautiful party."

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Hartman's stresses service

Personal service and fresh, top quality meats are the keys to the success behind Hartman's Kosher Meats, under the supervision of the Rabbinical Kashruth Council (COR) and located at 5974 Bathurst St. at Cedarcroft.

Joe Hartman who comes from a long line of butchers and who owns the store along with Ilan Engel, says that because the meat is not prepackaged his customers "really see what they are getting. The meat is A-1 quality and comes to the store fresh daily. When our customers see it in the display case they know they are getting the best meat and poultry possible."

Hartman's commitment to personal service is evident in the variety of cuts available to the customers. "Among other things our chicken, lamb, turkey and beef comes rolled, chopped or in cutlets. All customers have to do is ask and we will do our best to serve their needs including delivering their order."

Hartman stresses that it is not only the meat and poultry that is fresh daily. "We have a kitchen on the premises and we prepare a variety of take-out foods such as salads, kugels, knishes, latkes, egg rolls and much more. We are also, upon request, always ready to prepare any kind of roast or party tray for your special occasion. Customers can make a beautiful party from our stock."

Personalized gift baskets

Lre you looking for a unique and personalized gift for the holidays or any other special event?

Try Baskets N'Stuf in the Wycliffe Plaza at Bathurst and Steeles.

Owner Nili Dzaldov says she and her staff take special pride in creating and decorating gift arrangements.

Choices to fill them are endless. You may choose from Belgian chocolates, Chalav Yisroel chocolates, nuts, candies, cookies, organic pastas, gourmet oils, teas, jams and more.

For Chanukah, you can choose dreidls and menorah-shaped chocolates and lollipops. We also create fresh fruit baskets. Our staff can put together a basket which will impress anyone.

Baskets N'Stuf will also make arrangements in giftware such as a wok, ceramic bowl or tray.

For children they will fill toy trucks, cars or doll carriages.

Diabetic and low-calorie ingredients are also available. All products are kosher under COR.

Arrangements cost from $10 and up. Baskets N'Stuf will deliver anywhere.

European-style delights

For a European-style cafe-restaurant experience, run, don't walk, to Dairy Treats, 3522 Bathurst St.

The kosher (under COR), and cholov yisroel restaurant offers light meals, snacks and fuller menus.

Cooking breakfast make you cringe? Try their daily breakfast special of eggs (cooked any way you like them), a bagel and coffee for $2,99.

A mind-boggling array of food is available for lunches — sandwiches, falafel, hummus, soups (French onion is incredibly good — thick and rich), fresh salads made daily, quiche, blintzes ("the best in the city," says the restaurant's Shlomo Esses) and Israeli bourekas.

The dinner menu adds fish and pasta selections, such as fettuccine alfredo, lasagna and spaghetti.

All baking is done on the premises, and Esses is proud of the mouth-watering breakfast, cheese, chocolate or almond croissants, danishes and muffins.

For a real European touch, try Dairy Treat's cappucino or cafe au lait specialty coffees.

Catering for all occasions is also available.

Yogurt's a healthy treat

Who says healthy can't taste good? Definitely not Azim and Shaira Wali of Not Just Yogurt in Thornhill.

Their specialty, yogurt, is available in some 50 delectable flavors, many in low or no fat, and even some no-sugar. For takeout, try yogurt pies and cakes.

But you must try their expanded food menu. There are sandwiches in pita bread, and a terrific assortment of burgers, from soy to broccoli to mixed vegetable to veggie parmesan, which is topped with tomato sauce and parmesan cheese.

Not to mention regular veggie burgers, topped any way you want. Fries come regular or spicy.

There is an added touch of Mexico, with nachos, Mexican pita, which is vegetable chilli in a pita with sour cream, and tex-mex fries.

The latest addition to the menu is hot waffles, offered in several different flavors.

Fries and burgers are cooked by a hot air machine. Azim Wali explains, "They taste like traditional deep fried fries, but they are not fried at all. They are completely low fat."

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Menu revamped At Milk 'N Honey

Dairy goes exotic

Used to be kosher dairy meals consisted of blintzes, latkes and bagels with cream cheese. Delicious, but not very exotic.

Now come see what's happening at Milk 'N Honey, a kosher (under the Kashruth Council) dairy restaurant on Bathurst Street between Lawrence and Wilson.

The already interesting menu, prepared by a new chef, has been revamped and updated. The old favorites are still there — lasagna, fish fingers, pizza, etc. But they are joined by such new items as steamed vegetables with salsa sauce and fettucine with fresh pesto sauce.

There are different, non-menu specials for lunch, dinner and Saturday nights. These might include salmon teriyaki, different quiches (like Spanish), coubliac (a concoction of fresh salmon, rice and vegetables in puffed dough), angel hair pasta, pita sandwiches or fish chowder.

A very popular addition to the restaurant's offerings is the extensive salad bar. For only $7.95, choose from assorted greens, low-fat cottage cheese, fresh pineapple, grapefruit, eggplant salad or carrot salad, granola, sunflower seeds, or be surprised by what the chef adds that day.

A really nice touch, one that will be very much appreciated in these health-conscious days, is that Milk 'N Honey is joining the "Heart Smart" program of the Canadian Heart and Stroke Association.

The association will review certain menu items (including many of the specials) and provide a breakdown of the calories, fat and sodium contents and so on. In this way, people who have to watch their diet for medical reasons, or just because they want to eat healthy, can know what they can (or should) order.

The restaurant has been freshly decorated, using the elegant grey and yellow colors that patrons are familiar with.

Moshe Zombek, the owner, is especially proud of the personal, profesional service and attention everyone gets.

This is also true of the catering Zombek offers. The restaurant will cater at home, or the office (they recently catered a going-away luncheon for a nurse at Mt. Sinai Hospital that had even the non-Jews begging for more!) or block off a section of the restaurant for special events like sheva brochos.

They will even open early for business breakfast meetings.

"We provide good value for your dollar," Zombek concludes.

There's something new at the Caterers York

Sharon Firestone and Bill Batista, owners of Caterers York and Sweet York Desserts, never rest on their laurels:

"We are always working on new products and looking to improve our old favorites. Especially today, with so many people trying to stay away from heavy foods, we have to keep on top of things to bring out new dishes that will satisfy them. Main courses, such as grilled chicken or fish with salsa sauce, taste great yet are low fat and hors d'oeuvres such as spinach strudel, asparagus crepes or sushi are also geared to the health-conscious. Desserts could include sorbet, fruit ices or fresh berries. All our desserts are baked and prepared fresh on the premises," says Firestone.

Private parties

The pair, who cater at Beth Tzedec Synagogue as well as private parties of any size, say that they are always open to suggestions and will custom-make almost any dish requested. "As long as it is within the laws of kashruth, we will do our best to accommodate them. All they have to do is give us a call, tell us what they have in mind and the budget they are working with and we will do whatever we can to help. When planning a menu, it is important to know the guests involved so we can try and work around their tastes," says Batista.

Total facelift

He suggests that when catering private parties, hosts use Caterer York's own waiting staff. They know exactly how to prepare and serve the food and are experts at setting up and cleaning up afterwards. We want to make things as easy as possible for everyone involved."

He notes that since the dining room renovation at Beth Tzedec, hosts making functions at the synagogue have been able to save a lot of money on room decorations. "The room received a total facelift including a new sound system. It has a contemporary, yet warm atmosphere and it is decorated to the point where extra decorations are unnecessary. That is a big boon to hosts who are on a budget yet want to make as elegant a party as possible."

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Sophie Strub would be proud.

She and her husband Michael started making pickles in their Hamilton kitchen in 1921, using a "secret family recipe" she brought from the Ukraine.

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Her kosher style (kosher in fact, too, since Strubs is under COR) sour pickle is still the jewel in the Strub line, still made in barrels, still packed in original brine.

Other products the company has found to be very popular are their new dills, known as half sours, and garden fresh dills. They also produce a yogurt-based cucumber and garlic dip and spread called tzatziki that is great on bread, pita, or with crackers.

Freshest product

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Miriam makes meals for the land and lake

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From her home base at B'nai Torah Synagogue on Patricia, she will cater bar mitzvahs, weddings, all kinds of parties, with the Mediterranean food that is her specialty or international cuisine.

Busier than ever

"People thought that when our retail outlet, Pikanti Gourmet, closed, that the business closed too. But that's not so — we're busier than ever," she explained.

She will also do house parties, cater at hotel functions and provide shiva meals.

As well, Myerowitz says, she does a lot of work with organizations, for whom she offers very special rates.

Another specialty is dairy takeout, for which she offers such delights as dressed salmon in champagne caviar dressing, white chocolate mousse with brandied raspberry sauce and crepes suzettes.

Updates cooking

Every year Myerowitz goes to London and Israel to see what's newest and most up to date in kosher cooking. "I consider those places to be the forerunners of kosher food," she says.

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Salt and pepper
Chopped fresh parsley (opt)

In skillet, heat oil over medium heat; add onion and garlic. Cook for 3 minutes or until onion is softened. Stir in thyme and basil; cook 1 minute, stirring.

Break up tomatoes and add, with juice, to skillet. Increase heat to high; cook 3 to 4 minutes or until slightly thickened. Stir in beans, tossing to coat; cook until just heated through. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Garnish with chopped fresh parsley if desired.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.

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1 cup butter
½ cup liquid honey
¼ cup brown sugar
1 egg
1 tsp. vanilla
1½ cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. ginger
2 cups rolled oats
¼ cup liquid honey

Cream butter, ½ cup honey and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla. Blend in flour, baking powder, salt and ginger. Stir in oats. Spread evenly in greased 15x10x1 in. jelly roll pan. Bake at 450F for 15 to 20 min. Remove from oven and spread ¼ cup (50 mL) honey evenly over surface. Cool on rack and cut into bars. Makes about 5 dozen bars.

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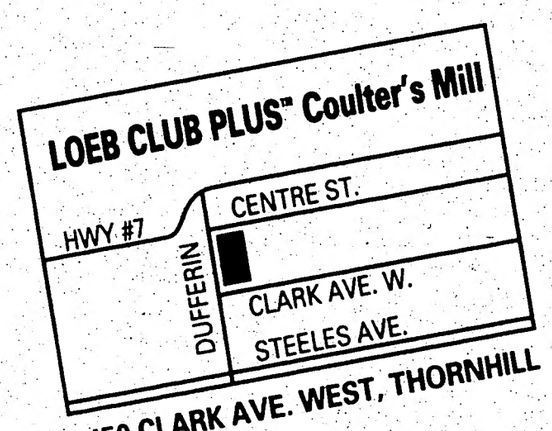

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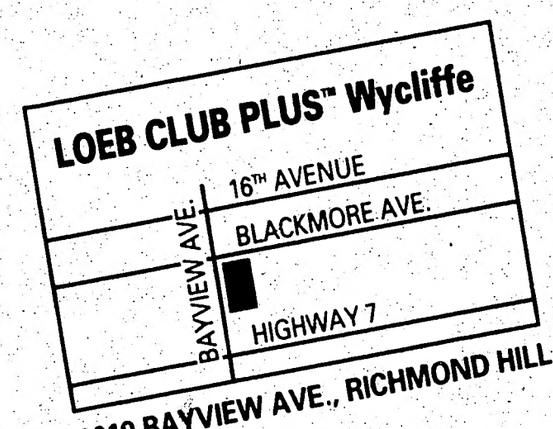

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